

Central Coast Community Energy Residential Battery Rebate Program Installer Toolkit



Program Overview

3CE's Residential Battery Rebate Program helps customers manage their energy consumption and save money by storing electricity they generate during the day (when costs are lower) for use during off-peak hours. Customers can apply for the rebate at https://3cenergy.org/rebates/residential-battery-rebate-program or by scanning the QR code



Eligibility

- All residential 3CE customers are eligible
- Customers enrolled in a **Net Energy Metering** (NEM 1.0 or 2.0) rate **must switch** to the **Solar Billing Plan** (SBP or NEM 3.0) to be eligible*

*If a customer elects to leave NEM 1.0 or 1.0 before their grandfathering period ends, they will be **permanently** transitioned to the Solar Billing Plan for both energy generation and energy transmission and distribution services

Requirements

- The battery must be configured to export to the grid
- The battery must discharge at least 50% of its capacity daily during peak hours (4 PM to 9 PM PT)
- The customer must enroll in battery discharge tracking with Texture and agree to allow 3CE to track battery use. 3CE will never override the battery's settings unless the customer has chosen optional automated scheduling (see "Battery Scheduling" section below)
- The battery system must be installed on or after January 1, 2024
- The battery system must be permanently installed at the site address; portable batteries are not currently eligible
- The battery system should be between 5 kWh and 26 kWh
 - Battery installations that exceed 26 kWh may participate but will not receive a rebate beyond the maximum
- The battery type must be on the California Self-Generation Incentive Program's Verified Equipment List (<u>https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgip)</u>

Rebates

\$300 per kWh

- Residential customers not currently enrolled in NEM 1.0 or 2.0
- Current Solar Billing Plan customers

\$500 per kWh

- Net Energy Metering-to-Solar Billing Plan early adopters*
- CARE, FERA or Medical Baseline customers

^{* 3}CE customers who move from a legacy <u>Net Energy Metering</u> 1.0 or 2.0 tariff to the new <u>Solar Billing Plan</u> at least one full billing cycle prior to the expiration of their "grandfathering" period will receive the higher \$500 per kWh rebate.



3CE's Residential Battery Rebate Program Installer Checklist

Do you have a customer interested in 3CE's Residential Battery Rebate Program? After reviewing the program requirements with them, use the checklist below to help ensure they qualify:

□ Enable grid interaction
□ Set the battery reserve
□ Set the battery strategy
□ Consider battery scheduling

There is no one-size-fits-all guide for installing a battery, but the following information may help support your customer.

Battery Reserve

3CE recommends setting the battery's reserves to **30%** to meet discharge requirements while ensuuring backup power is available when needed.

Customers are always welcome to change reserve settings to meet their needs while complying with the program's requirements.

Battery Strategy

If the customer's system is paired with solar, it is often advantageous to be on **Self-Consumption Mode** when the battery is not utilizing active scheduling. This is ideal for homeowners who want to maximize the use of their own solar energy and minimize grid dependency.

Battery Scheduling

The battery should discharge at least 50% of its capacity between 4 PM and 9 PM. If the battery does not meet this requirement, the customer will be encouraged to enroll in **optional automated scheduling**.

Here's how to set up scheduling:

- 1) After applying, the customer will receive a link to register with Texture's discharge tracking system
- 2) Follow the link and accept the option to customize a schedule
- 3) Use the sliders to adjust your schedule to discharge at least 50% of your battery between 4 PM and 9 PM
- 4) Customers must remain registered with Texture for discharge monitoring, but may opt-out of or edit automated scheduling based on their needs

