

NET METERING SOLAR TIPS & TRICKS

UNDERSTAND NET METERING

SaskPower's Net Metering Program gives you a credit of 7.5¢ per kWh for any excess electricity your solar system sends to the grid. However, **the real value of self-generation comes from using your solar energy directly**, because it helps you avoid paying SaskPower's retail rate, which is higher than the credit.



Time Your Energy Use

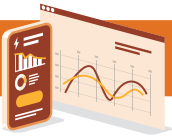
Your solar system generates electricity during sunny daylight hours, typically 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To get the most out of your system:

- Run appliances during the day: Dishwashers, laundry machines, and vacuums are best used when the sun is shining.
- Charge devices and electric vehicles during peak solar hours.
- Use timers or smart plugs to automate daytime usage.



Smart Upgrades

- Install smart thermostats, energy-efficient appliances, and LED lighting to reduce overall consumption.
- Use smart energy monitors that show which appliances are using power and when. These tools can help you match your electricity use to your generation times, increasing your savings and efficiency.
- Thinking long-term? Battery storage lets you store excess solar generation for use in the evening, reducing reliance on the grid.



Monitor Your Usage

- Use your solar monitoring app or portal to track generation and consumption.
- Look for patterns and adjust your habits to align with peak solar output.



Shift Your Habits

- Pre-cool or pre-heat your home during the day to reduce evening electricity use, especially if you're using electric baseboard heaters.
- Stagger appliance use to avoid exceeding your system's output.