



## SGIP Equity Resiliency Rebate Program FAQ's

**What is SGIP?** SGIP stand for Self-Generation Incentive Program. SGIP was signed into law under SB700. The program offers incentives for California homeowners to install battery storage and backup, to help alleviate demand on the grid.

**What is the Equity Resiliency Rebate?** The Residential Equity Resiliency Rebate is part of the SGIP program, with the goal of adding battery backup power for homeowners affected by wildfires and Public Safety Shutoffs. Both are administered by PG&E and the CPUC. The Equity Resiliency program has its own funding, currently \$600 million. Once the funds are allocated, the program may be closed.

**Why such a high rebate level?** The SGIP reform comes in response to the hugely devastating Camp Fire, the deadliest fire in the state's history. Camp Fire started in early November 2018 and burned for 17 days. The fire killed 86 people and destroyed almost 19,000 building structures, including homes and businesses.

In an attempt to prevent future wildfires, PG&E and Southern California Edison (SCE) have decided to implement Public Safety Shutoffs. The planned power outages are designed to take place in areas that are considered to be high-risk fire districts. For homeowners who rely on an electric-powered well for domestic water, a Public Safety Shutoff could put them at risk and danger to be without a water supply. Having a source of reliable backup power for the well would mitigate these dangers.

**Who is eligible?** There are multiple qualifications. First, a homeowners must live in California in a designated High Fire Threat District Tier 2 or Tier 3. Next, the homeowner must also meet ONE of the additional requirements:

- Are a medical baseline customer; or
- Have previously notified their utility of a serious illness or medical condition that would become life-threatening if electricity were to become disconnected; or
- Are receiving a solar rebate from the [Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes \(SASH\)](#) program; or
- **Rely on an electric-powered well for domestic water**

**How much is the rebate?** SGIP offers equity resiliency applicants a rebate of \$1 per watt-hour of battery storage installed. A Powerwall battery holds 13.5 kilowatt hours (kWh). Most homes will require two Powerwall batteries to supply adequate power for a well water supply. **The maximum rebate amount is \$26,400** for two Tesla Powerwall backup batteries, installed.

**What does it cost to have Solarponics install two Tesla Powerwalls?** \$0. We will install two Powerwalls on most homes for \$26,400, so **the cost is ZERO to the homeowner**. Some homes may require a main service panel upgrade or additional upgrades as required by current code, at additional costs. You will know these costs ahead of time.

**Is there a deposit required?** Solarponics does NOT require a deposit to submit your rebate application. Once we receive your application approval, and acknowledgement of your full rebate, then a down payment to start the project is required, UNLESS financing the system.

**Do I pay for the battery installs first?** You will be responsible to pay Solarponics for the install of the system, and then will receive your full, designated rebate after final system install. The SGIP administers and sends your rebate directly to you. This process can take up to 6 months, although the program administrators have promised an expedited timeline for rebate checks. If you are financing your system using an 18-mo same-as-cash financing program, the finance company pays of all progress payments. The homeowner has NO out of pocket expenses. Once your rebate check arrives, you are expected to repay your loan in full. Actual cost to homeowner? \$0.

**Is my rebate guaranteed once it is approved?** Yes. We will not proceed with your install unless your rebate application is approved. Once approved, your rebate is guaranteed under the SGIP program, a state program authorized by SB700 and administered by the California Public Utilities Commission. Rebate checks may take up to six months after final project completion.

**If my rebate application is rejected for whatever reason, do I get a full refund?** Yes. But since we do not require any deposit, there is no refund to issue. You can cancel your contract. No questions asked.