How it works
Solar electric systems, also called photovoltaic (PV) systems, use sunlight to produce electricity.

1. Sunlight hits the panels, producing electricity.
2. A meter measures the amount of electricity your building’s solar panels produce.
3. The electricity is sent to the power grid.
4. The meter measures how much energy you use and determines how much saving will be allocated to your utility bill.

Your questions answered
Will I have electricity at night or when it’s cloudy outside?
Yes. Even though solar panels do not generate energy when the sun is not shining, you are still connected to your utility company.

How long will it take contractors to install solar panels at my building?
Install time will vary but you can reach out to your property manager or reference the SOMAH Install Timeline to help you track the installation of the solar panels.

Will I have electricity when the power goes out?
The system does not run on battery storage, this means you will not have electricity during a blackout/power outage.

Questions about SOMAH?
Tenant Hotline: 800-843-9728

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