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### **Solarize Warren Deadline Extended!**

At the request of Warren residents and town administrators, the Solarize Warren program will be extended until August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, giving residents an additional seven weeks to go solar.

Interest in the program has steadily increased since its launch on March 31<sup>st</sup>. So far over 20 homeowners have signed contracts.

Town Planner Kate Michaud noted that, "There has been great interest in the program with a high percentage of those inquiring going on to sign contracts for solar projects. This tells me that Warren is excited about going green and saving money for years to come. We are happy to announce that the Solarize Warren program will be extended to allow time for all those who are interested to participate."

Direct Energy Solar™, Warren's chosen solar installer, is offering Warren residents discounted pricing combined with state and federal incentives. When combined, the Solarize Warren incentives can cover approximately 50% of the cost of each project. Solarize Warren also offers a tiered-pricing incentive which lowers the price of solar as more people sign up. We are proud to announce that Warren has achieved Tier 3 status, which means that all Warren residents will receive the lowest prices offered through the program.

Cindy Saksena recently attended a Solarize Warren workshop and stated: "My solar was installed almost ten years ago and in all that time, there has been no maintenance. People who decide to go solar under the Solarize Warren program will be making an investment that lasts for over 25 years and makes economic sense. As we look for ways to fight climate change locally, I think solar is part of the solution."

Residents will have a chance to meet the Solarize Warren team each Tuesday afternoon from 4-6pm at the Coffee Depot and at the Warren Farmer's Market on select Sundays through July

and August. To sign up, view program information or find Solarize Warren events, go to [www.solarizeri.com/Warren](http://www.solarizeri.com/Warren).

The program was created through a partnership between the Office of Energy Resources, Commerce RI and the non-profit organization SmartPower to encourage the adoption of solar using the power of group purchasing and a grass-roots community outreach plan. Warren is one of ten municipalities to participate in this state-wide initiative which is responsible for over 350 new solar installations in the state since 2014.

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