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### ***Newport Solar selected as installer for Solarize Jamestown campaign***

**Rhode Island owned & operated solar company joins effort to launch "Solarize 2.0"**

**Jamestown, RI** – Solarize Jamestown, a joint initiative of the RI Office of Energy Resources, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, Jamestown municipal leaders and the non-profit SmartPower, announced today that Newport Solar has been selected as the official solar installer for the program.

Building upon the community's successful "Sustainable Jamestown" initiative, Jamestown town leaders last month launched "[Solarize Jamestown](#)" – a community-based, outreach campaign designed to engage homeowners in buying residential solar energy.

"We are pleased to select Newport Solar as the official Solarize Jamestown installer," said State Energy Commissioner Carol Grant. "Newport Solar is a local, family-owned and operated business, it specializes in residential solar systems, and has a long track record of success. We look forward to working with Doug Sabetti and his team as we Solarize Jamestown!"

"We here at Newport Solar are very excited and proud to have been chosen as the installation company for Solarize Jamestown program!" stated Doug Sabetti, owner of Newport Solar. "We look forward to working with our friends and neighbors of Jamestown to help them discover what solar can do for them."

Residents of Jamestown can learn about solar through events and workshops and from neighbors who have already installed solar systems, known as "solar ambassadors." Interested residents may also find out if their home or business is eligible for a solar system and purchase it from Newport Solar -- all through the Solarize Jamestown website at <https://solarizejamestown.wee.green/>

The Solarize Jamestown campaign runs from May 11 through September 21. Already, over 50 people have signed up to learn if their homes are eligible for solar.

The Solarize Jamestown campaign also represents one of the first uses of the [WeeGreen](#) "green campaign" platform. WeeGreen is a free, co-branded on-line platform that allows local community activists to run their own green campaigns.

“As more and more communities see the benefits of going solar – and seek to launch their own green campaigns, WeeGreen will be there for them to use for free,” said Brian F. Keane, President of SmartPower. “The way Turbo-tax helps you do your taxes, WeeGreen walks each community and each organization through how to put together and run a green campaign. So now everyone can follow the lead of Jamestown – and Newport Solar!”

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**About Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources:**

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) is the lead state agency on energy policy and programs. OER’s mission is to lead Rhode Island to a secure, cost-effective, and sustainable energy future. OER works closely with private and public stakeholders to increase the reliability and security of our energy supply, reduce energy costs and mitigate price volatility, and improve environmental quality. [www.energy.ri.gov](http://www.energy.ri.gov)

**About Rhode Island Commerce Corporation:**

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation is the official economic development organization for the state of Rhode Island. The Commerce Corporation’s mission is to work with public, private and non-profit partners to create the conditions for businesses in all sectors to thrive and to improve the quality of life for our citizens by promoting the state’s long-term economic health and prosperity. The corporation manages the state’s Renewable Energy Fund, which provides grants and loans for renewable energy projects with the potential to make electricity in a cleaner, more sustainable manner, while stimulating job growth in the green technology and energy sectors of Rhode Island’s economy. [www.commerceri.com](http://www.commerceri.com)

**About Newport Solar:**

Newport Solar is a residential and small commercial solar design and installation company working exclusively in Rhode Island. Our focus is on 100% customer satisfaction and highest quality components and installations. With customer satisfaction and highest quality as our goal, Newport Solar has earned a stellar reputation as Rhode Island's leader in residential solar.

**About SmartPower:**

SmartPower works in communities on behalf of foundations, state agencies, utilities, businesses and the federal government to turbo-charge energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts. Through innovative on-the-ground campaigns and partnerships that use friendly competitions and challenges, we are able to increase customer engagement, drive results and save energy. Over the past 15 years SmartPower has designed, implemented and managed hundreds of successful energy-efficiency and renewable energy community campaigns in over 30 states from California to Connecticut. [www.smartpower.org](http://www.smartpower.org)

**About WeeGreen:**

WeeGreen is *the* green campaign platform. Combined with its on-line marketplace, the service accelerates purchases of green products by friends, families and neighbors. Heralded as “the Turbo-Tax of Green Campaigns”, WeeGreen campaigns engage people and communities locally and around the globe helping to generate clean energy and energy efficiency actions as part of the climate solution. On the web at [wee.green](http://wee.green)