

Expectations

Variables that affect system size and production.

Solar Made Simple.

vari·a·ble

/ˈvɛ(ə)rēəbəl/

adjective

1. not consistent or having a fixed pattern; liable to change.

“the quality of hospital food is highly variable”

synonyms: changeable, changing, varying, shifting, fluctuating, irregular, inconstant, inconsistent, fluid, unsteady, unstable, unsettled, fitful, mutable, protean, wavering, vacillating, capricious, fickle, volatile, unpredictable, mercurial, unreliable; *informal* up and down
“the weather on the shoreline is known for being variable”

2. able to be changed or adapted.

“the drill has variable speed”

noun

1. an element, feature, or factor that is liable to vary or change.

“there are too many variables involved to make any meaningful predictions”

synonyms: factor, element, ingredient, quantity, unknown quantity, condition
“there are other variables to consider”



Targeting System Performance

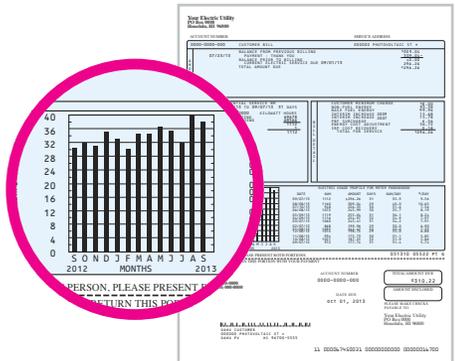
Determining estimated system performance is not an exact science.

We aim to provide you with a realistic range of your system's expected performance. Many variables unique to your home are considered in our calculations. Knowledge of how we determine your system's estimated production will help you understand production fluctuations and maintain reasonable expectations of your system's performance. We won't sell you more than you need, and we'll work with you to plan a KumuKit™ system that's perfectly suited for your home and budget.

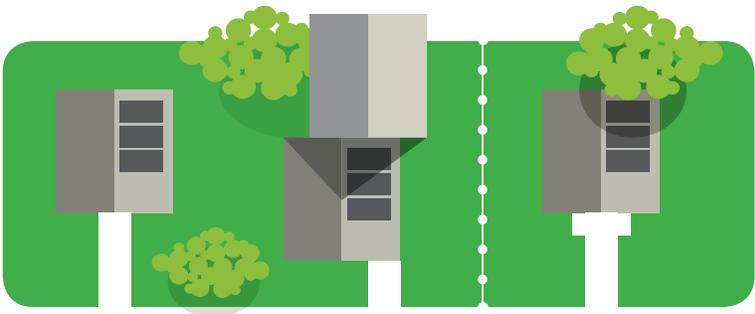


Expected System Production

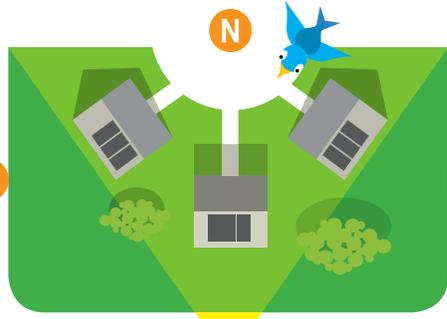
Your KumuKit™ is custom-designed to your home's and family's specific needs. We start by considering expected system production which takes into account past electrical usage, sun hours, roof pitch, architectural and environmental shading, and your home's orientation to the angle of the sun. All these factors help us find a solution that's best for you.



SUN ZONE



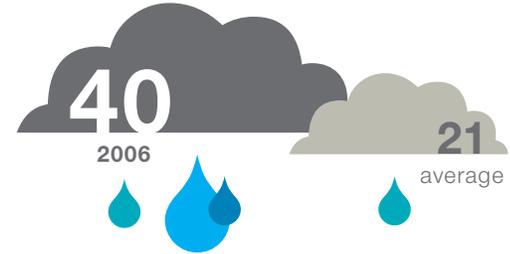
SHADING



ORIENTATION ROOF PITCH

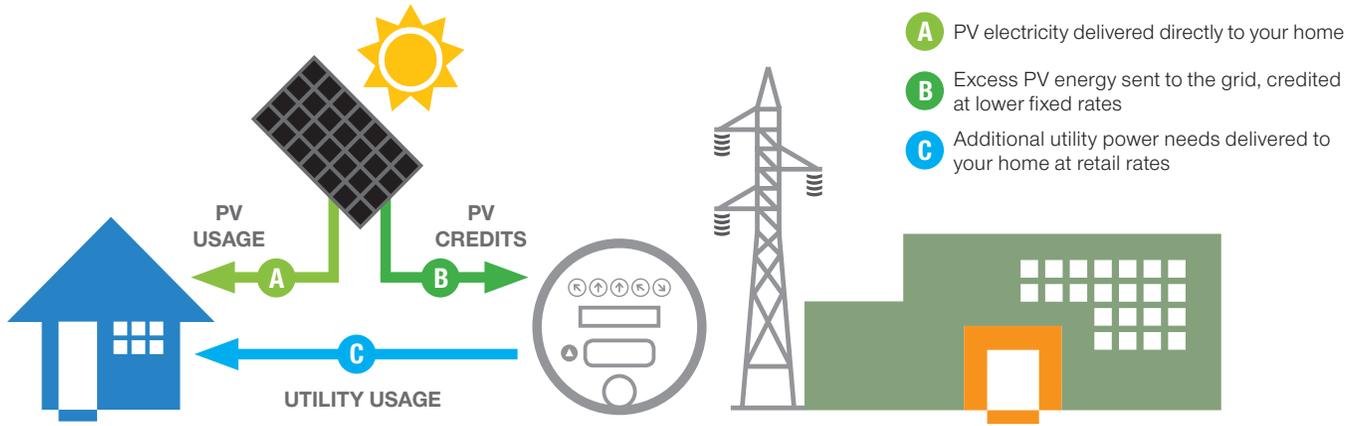
Seasonal Production Curve

Depending on the time of year, your ACTUAL monthly PV production will differ from the AVERAGE monthly PV production estimated for your system size. Actual production varies month-to-month and fluctuates with seasonal changes in sun angle, length-of-day and weather conditions. Additionally, expected system production may vary from year-to-year. For example, a rainy month this year may be a sunny one next year. In general, you will see higher production in summer months and decreased production in the winter.



A weather anomaly in Mar-Apr 2006 produced 40 days of rain. On average, Honolulu experiences 21 rainy days during these months.





CGS enables residential customers to connect renewable energy systems to the electric grid. CGS allows eligible utility customers to apply credits at a fixed rate towards their electric bills for excess electricity sent to the grid up to, but not to exceed the energy delivered from the utility for each billing cycle. The fixed rates are different on each island within Hawaiian Electric Company's territory and subject to change. These credits can help customers offset electrical usage and lower their bills. PV energy used directly in the home offsets energy usage at full retail rates.

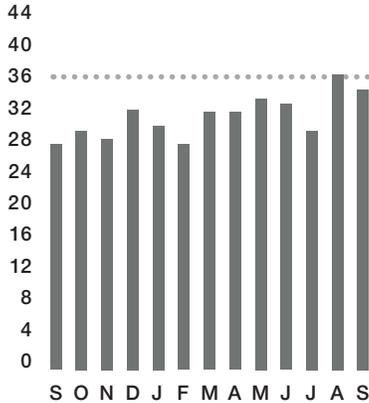
These customers are billed the retail rate for all electricity they use that they receive from the utility. At the end of your monthly billing cycle, any remaining credit in excess of your billed amount will be forfeited. Therefore, it is important that customers do not oversize their system. Right-sizing your PV system is key.

In addition, to help cover the fixed costs of providing service to PV customers who remain connected to the grid for continued service even when their Distributed Energy Resource systems are not producing energy, electric account holders for new residential PV systems will pay a minimum monthly bill of \$25.

Customer Grid-Supply (CGS)

ENERGY USAGE- NO PV

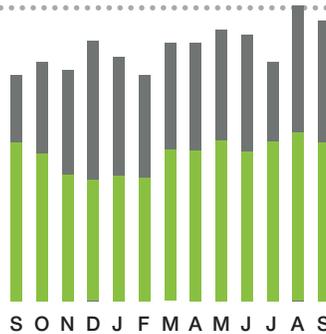
consumption
(past history)



ENERGY USAGE- OFFSET BY PV

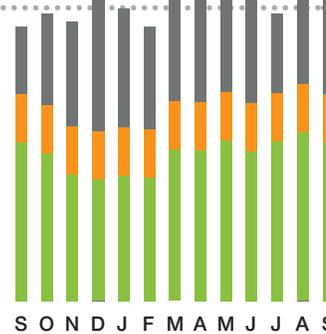
consumption consistent
with past history

highest historical usage



ENERGY USAGE- INCREASED AFTER PV

increased consumption
based on past history



INCREASED USAGE EXAMPLES



family additions



more holiday lights



new electric vehicle



home additions



lower AC setting

Your PV system has been designed to offset your household's electrical usage based on your past history of use. Any change to your normal habits can cause an increase in your home consumption. Some common causes are adding a member to your family or entertaining guests, increased cooking or laundry, stringing extra holiday lights, a new electric vehicle, additions to your house, changing habits, and chilling out with a lower AC setting.

Home Consumption



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