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Our customers have been asking for alternative energy, and we at NES have listened. With advances in solar technology, clean energy has become more accessible than ever, enabling us to convert an abandoned landfill off I-65 into Nashville's first solar park. With Music City Solar, clean energy is now available without the hassle and costs associated with installing panels on homes or businesses.

How Solar Works

The electricity generated by each panel is metered at the solar site. Clean energy is added to the power grid, and a solar credit is included on your electric bill each month. You can monitor your panel output by clicking on *My Solar Data* when logged into your NES account.



How to Sign Up

Log into *My Account* at nespower.com, or register to create an online profile.

Find Music City Solar on the left-hand navigation menu and select *Subscribe*.

Select *Solar Sign Up*, choose the total number of panel subscriptions and follow prompts from there.

Visit *GoSolarMusicCity.com* to learn more!

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Green Spaces

How to handle removing English Ivy from landscaping.



English ivy is an excellent ground cover but left unchecked it will climb and overtake nearby plants, trees and even houses. Ivy is not considered a parasite as it does not penetrate a tree's bark but the added weight and the competition for sunlight, available soil water and nutrients eventually weakens the tree.

Weakened trees are more susceptible to pests or disease. Experts recommend removing ivy from the tree in addition to a few feet of the surrounding area to prevent it climbing up again.



Removing ivy is not easy. You should wear gloves and long sleeves. Use sharp clippers to cut the vine around the trunk at eye-level and around the base of the tree. Clear a two-foot circle around the tree and mulch this area to retain moisture, but do not pile it against the tree's trunk. To avoid damaging the bark, leave the vine on the trunk until it dries. Once dried, it can be removed without damaging the bark. Remember, ivy may conceal a damaged or diseased tree. Consider a diagnosis from a tree care expert to determine if the tree has any serious diseases or deficiencies. If you have questions, please call our vegetation hotline at **615-695-7400**.



With Music City Solar, *clean energy is energy for everyone.*

Anyone, no matter their living situation, can participate in the program, so long as they have an NES account. Customers can even purchase a subscription and donate the panel's output to family or friends, and they will receive a credit on their monthly electric bill.

Our Solar Angel Program makes clean energy accessible.



Did you know we have a Solar Angel program to assist those who cannot afford the subscription fee? Residential and business customers

can make a tax-deductible solar angel donation that will go to assist low-income customers through energy-efficiency and weatherization programs. Those funds are collected and distributed locally by The Community Foundation.