



Solar Sharer Offer

Your Complete Guide to Free Battery Charging, 11am–2pm

Step-by-step setup instructions for GoodWe, FoxESS, Sigenergy, and SAJ battery systems.

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What Is the Solar Sharer Offer?

From 1 July 2026, NSW electricity retailers must offer a plan with three hours of free electricity every day, in the middle of the day. It's called the Solar Sharer Offer. You don't need solar panels to use it, but if you have a battery, this is one of the easiest wins available to a NSW household. Here's exactly how it works and what to do about it.

Free window	11:00am – 2:00pm, every day
Daily cap	Up to 24 kWh of free electricity per day
Do I need solar?	No – but it helps a lot
Cost to join	Free – it's a plan you opt into with your retailer
Starts	1 July 2026

Why This Matters If You Have a Battery

Right now, most home batteries only charge from your solar panels. That means on a cloudy day, in winter, or if your system is undersized for your usage, your battery may not fill up, and you end up buying expensive grid power in the evening anyway.

With the Solar Sharer Offer, your battery can top itself up from the grid for free during the 11am–2pm window, on top of whatever your panels are producing. That free energy is then sitting in your battery, ready to run your home through the expensive evening peak instead of drawing from the grid at full price.

How to Get Set Up: 2 Simple Steps

1

Opt into a Solar Sharer plan with your electricity retailer

You need a smart meter installed (most NSW homes already have one) and to ask your retailer (Origin, AGL, Energy Australia, Red Energy, etc.) to switch you onto their Solar Sharer plan. This is a phone call or an online request – there's no cost and no equipment needed for this step.

2

Set your battery to charge from the grid during 11am–2pm

This is the step most people miss. Your battery won't automatically start pulling free grid power just because you've joined the plan – it needs to be told to do so in your battery's app, using a schedule or “forced charge” setting for 11am to 2pm. The exact steps depend on your battery brand — find yours in the sections below.

Good to Know

- There's a daily cap of 24 kWh of free power. Most solar homes never get close to this, since panels already cover a lot of midday use. It mainly matters if you're charging a large battery and an EV at the same time, or on a very cloudy winter day.
- If you go over the cap, you're simply charged the normal daytime rate for the extra usage – there's no penalty.
- You keep your feed-in tariff as normal. The Solar Sharer Offer doesn't replace or reduce what you earn from exporting solar – it's a separate benefit on top.
- This is opt-in, not automatic. If you don't ask your retailer, you won't be moved onto a Solar Sharer plan by default.

Setting Up Your Battery: GoodWe

GoodWe

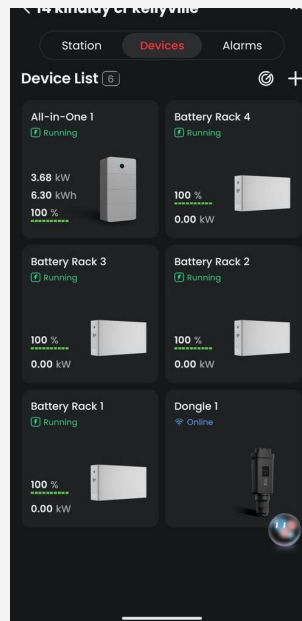
SEMS Portal / SolarGo app

This section covers GoodWe systems using the SEMS Portal / SolarGo app. There are two parts: setting the grid-charge schedule (so your battery charges for free 11am–2pm), and an optional export power limit setting.

Grid-Charge Schedule (TOU Mode)

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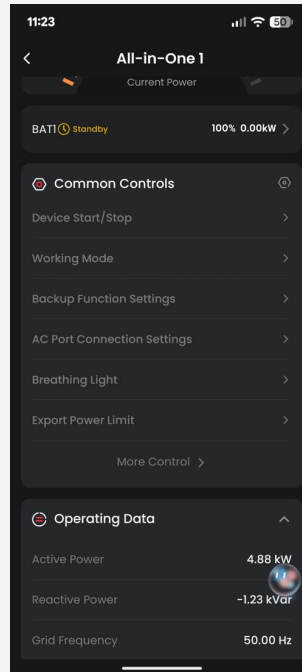
From the station page, tap the **Devices** tab.



Devices tab — device list

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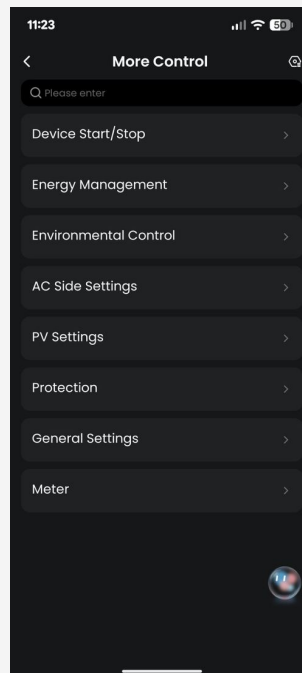
Tap the **All-in-One 1** inverter to open its device page.



All-in-One 1 — Common Controls

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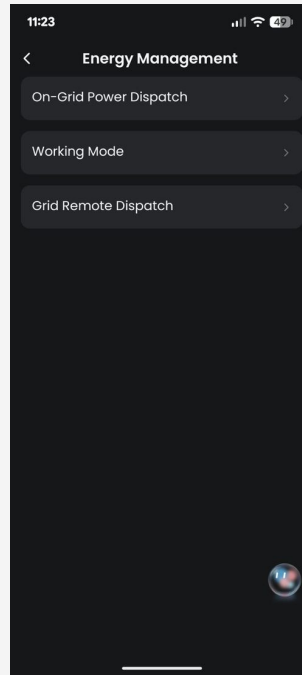
Under Common Controls, tap **More Control**.



More Control menu

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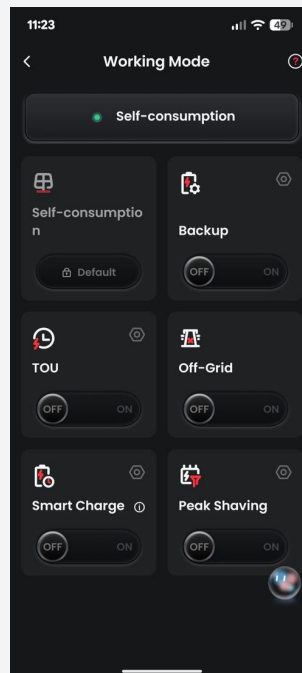
Tap **Energy Management**.



Energy Management menu

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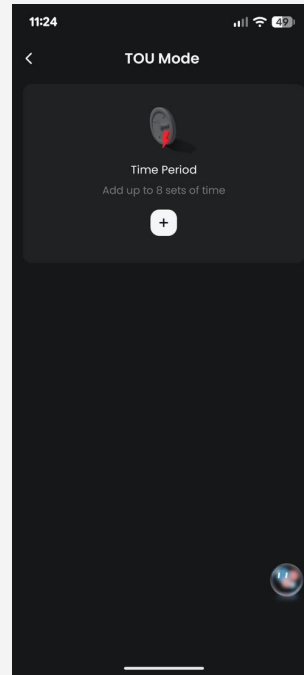
Tap **Working Mode**. On the **TOU** tile: switch the ON/OFF toggle to **ON**, then tap the settings (gear) icon on the same tile.



Working Mode — TOU toggle + gear icon

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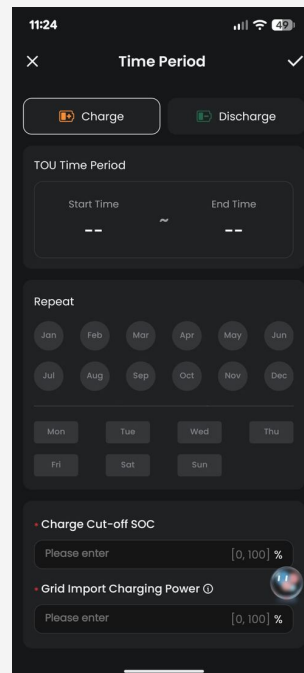
On the TOU Mode screen, tap + to add a new time period (up to 8 sets allowed).



TOU Mode — add time period

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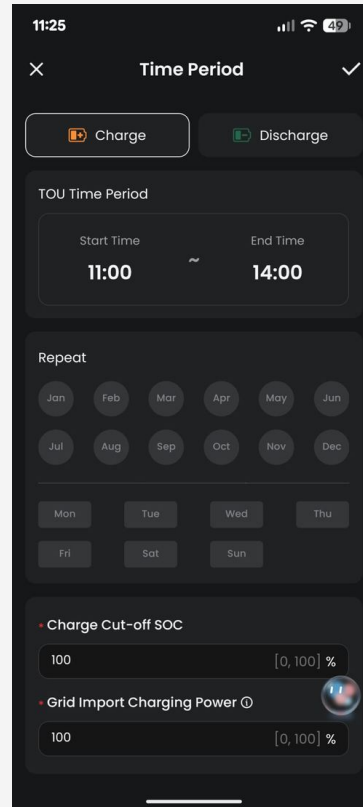
In the Time Period screen: select **Charge** (not Discharge), then set Start Time and End Time, and choose which days to repeat on.



Time Period — blank form

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Set **Start Time 11:00** and **End Time 14:00** to match the Solar Sharer window. Set **Charge Cut-off SOC** and **Grid Import Charging Power** (100% fills fastest). Tap the checkmark top-right to save.



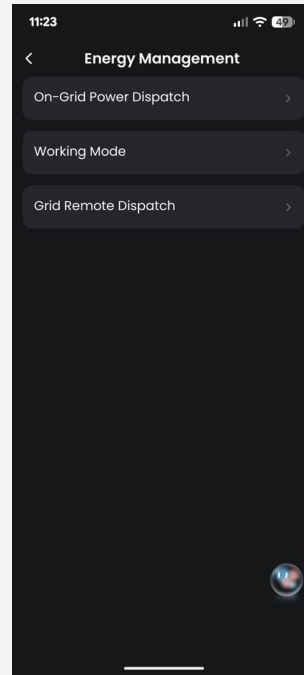
Time Period — filled + ready to save

Export Power Limit (Optional)

This caps how much power your system can send back to the grid. Not required for the Solar Sharer Offer to work, but some retailers or network rules may ask for it.

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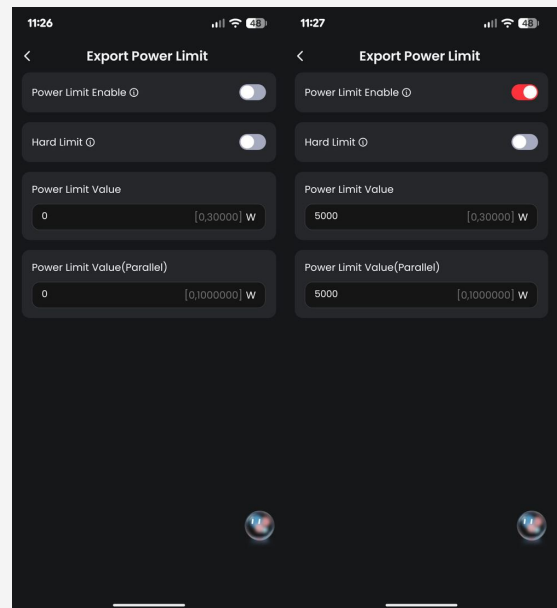
From Common Controls, tap **More Control** -> **Energy Management** -> **On-Grid Power Dispatch** -> **Export Power Limit**.



Energy Management —
On-Grid Power Dispatch

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Toggle **Power Limit Enable** ON, then set the **Power Limit Value** and **Power Limit Value (Parallel)** in watts. Leave **Hard Limit** off unless instructed otherwise.



Before — limit off, 0W

After — limit on, 5000W set

Setting Up Your Battery: FoxESS

FoxESS

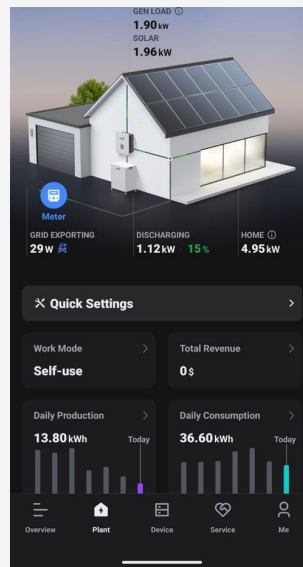
FoxESS Cloud app

This section covers FoxESS systems using the Mode Scheduler feature in the FoxESS Cloud app.

Grid-Charge Schedule (Mode Scheduler -> Forced Charge)

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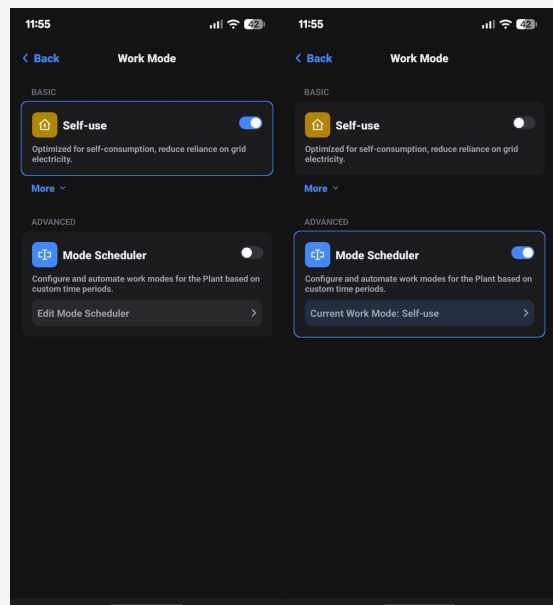
From the plant overview, tap the **Work Mode** tile (or Quick Settings -> Work Mode).



Plant overview — Work Mode tile

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On the Work Mode screen, toggle **Mode Scheduler** ON. This automatically switches **Self-use** OFF — the two are mutually exclusive.

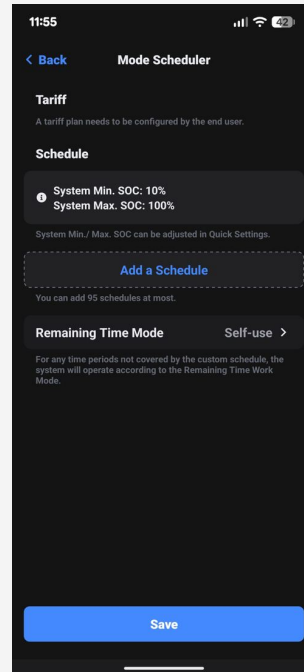


Before — Self-use ON

After — Mode Scheduler ON

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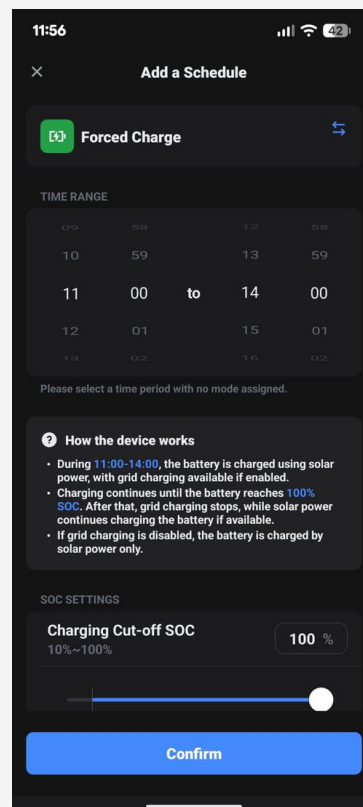
Tap “**Current Work Mode: Self-use**” beneath the Mode Scheduler toggle to open the Mode Scheduler page.



Mode Scheduler page

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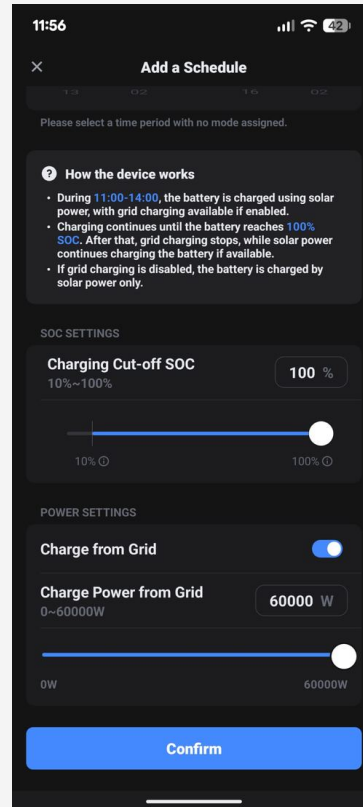
Tap **Add a Schedule**. Select **Forced Charge** from the top selector, then set the **Time Range** to **11:00 – 14:00**.



Add a Schedule — Forced Charge, time range

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Set **Charging Cut-off SOC** and **Charge Power from Grid**. Confirm **Charge from Grid** is toggled ON, then tap **Confirm** to save.



SOC + Power Settings — ready to confirm

Good to know: The Charge Power from Grid maximum shown here (60,000W) reflects a large/commercial FoxESS system — this ceiling varies depending on your inverter's rating. On a typical residential single-phase system the max will be much lower.

Setting Up Your Battery: Sigenergy

Sigenergy

mySigen app

This section covers Sigenergy systems using Time-based Control and Manual Scheduling in the mySigen app.

Grid-Charge Schedule (Time-based Control -> Manual Scheduling)

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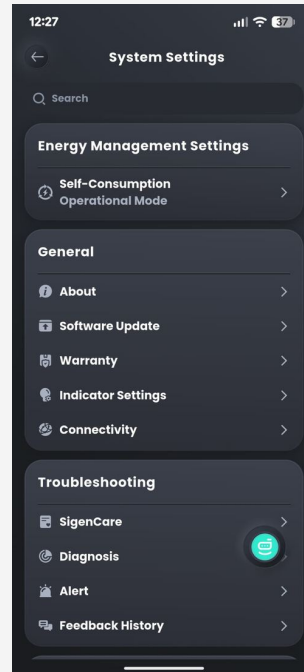
From the plant page, tap the **three-dot menu** (top right).



Plant overview

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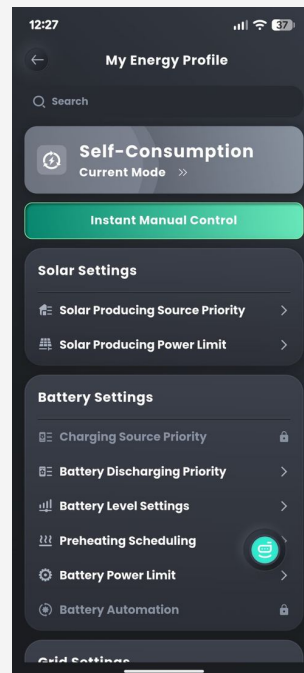
In **System Settings**, tap the “**Self-Consumption / Operational Mode**” row.



System Settings

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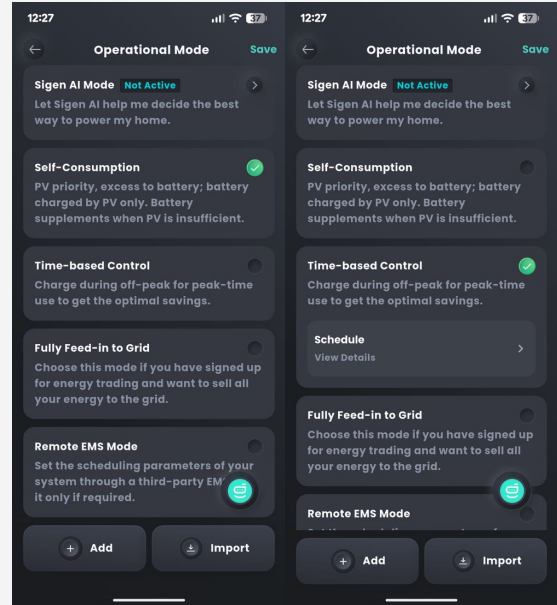
In **My Energy Profile**, tap the “**Self-Consumption / Current Mode**” tile.



My Energy Profile

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On the **Operational Mode** screen, select **Time-based Control**, then tap **Save**.

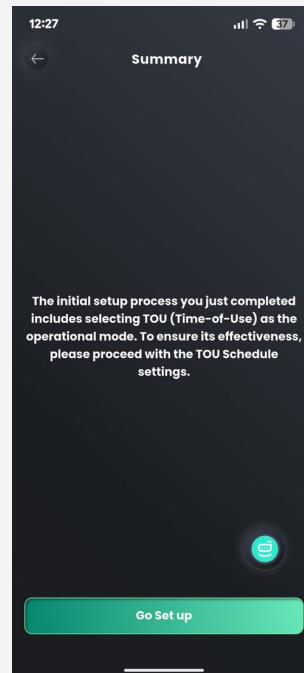


Before —
Self-Consumption

After — Time-based
Control

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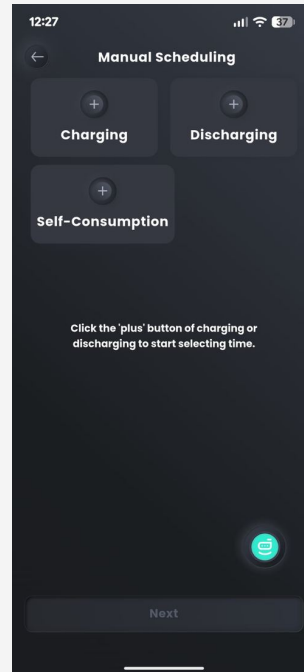
A **Summary** popup confirms TOU (Time-of-Use) was selected as the operational mode. Tap **Go Set up**.



Summary popup

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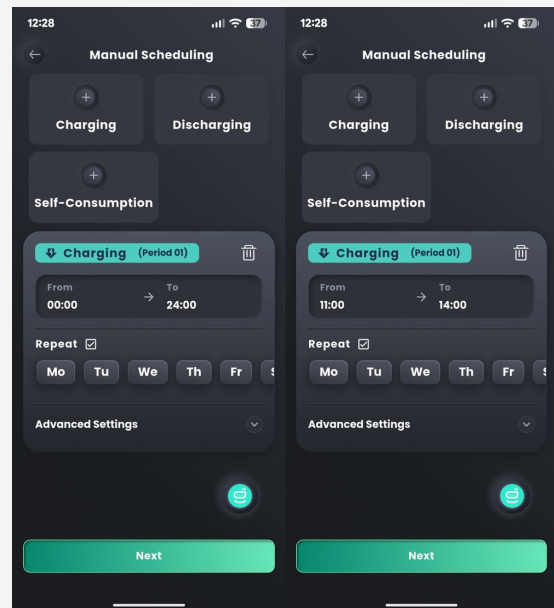
On **Manual Scheduling**, tap the **+** button on the **Charging** tile.



Manual Scheduling

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Set the time period to **11:00 – 14:00** and check **Repeat** for the days needed.

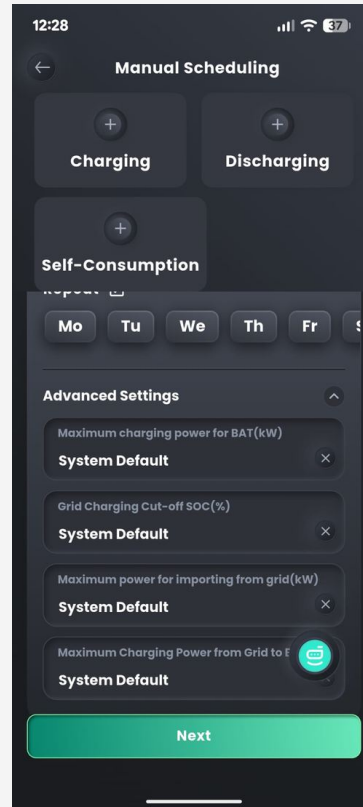


Default — 00:00–24:00

Set — 11:00–14:00

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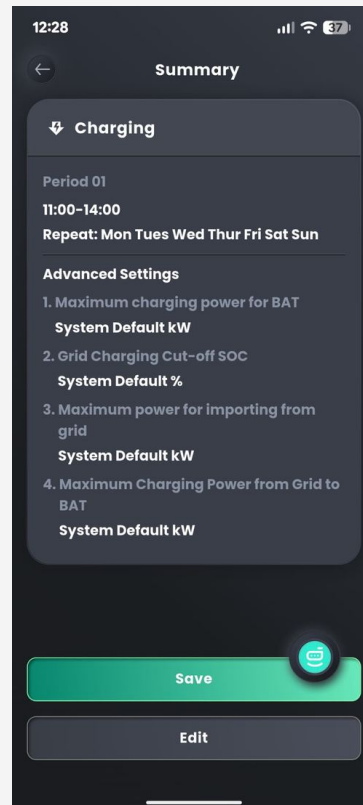
Expand **Advanced Settings** and set **Grid Charging Cut-off SOC to 100%**. Leave the other fields at System Default unless you need specific caps.



Advanced Settings

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Tap **Next**, review the **Summary**, then tap **Save**.



Summary — ready to save

Good to know: Unlike GoodWe and FoxESS, Sigenergy has no separate “Charge from Grid” toggle — adding a Charging period under Time-based Control pulls from the grid automatically, up to the Maximum Charging Power from Grid to BAT cap in Advanced Settings.

Setting Up Your Battery: SAJ

SAJ

eSolar app

This section covers SAJ systems using the eSolar app's Scheduling Strategy feature.

Grid-Charge Schedule (Time-based Mode)

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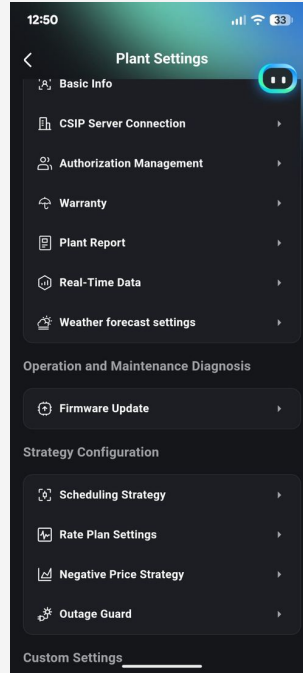
On the Plant page, tap the **settings icon** (top right).



Plant overview

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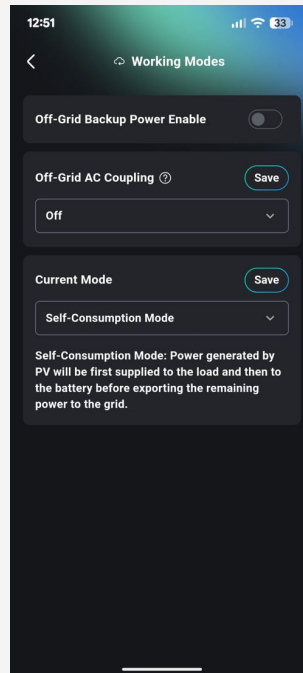
Choose **Scheduling Strategy**.



Plant Settings

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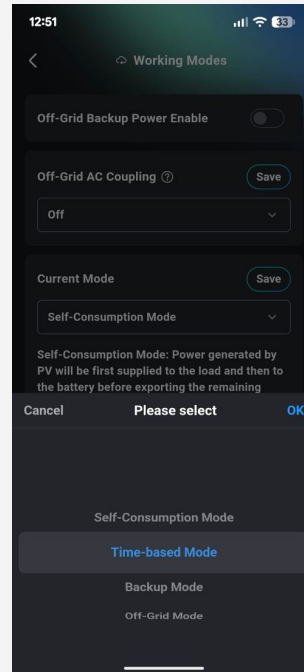
On Working Modes, tap the **Current Mode** dropdown (currently Self-Consumption Mode).



Working Modes — Current Mode

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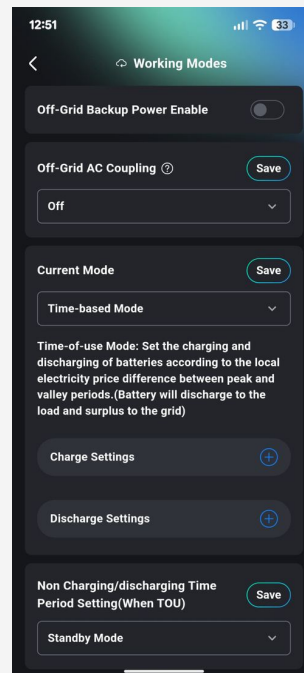
Select **Time-based Mode**, tap **OK**, then **Save**.



Mode selector

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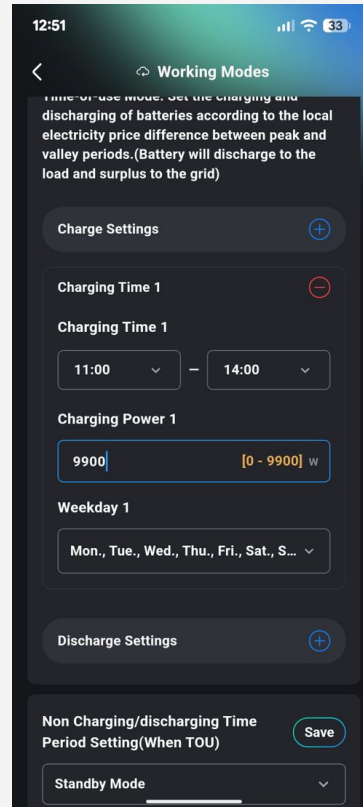
Tap + on **Charge Settings**.



Time-based Mode active

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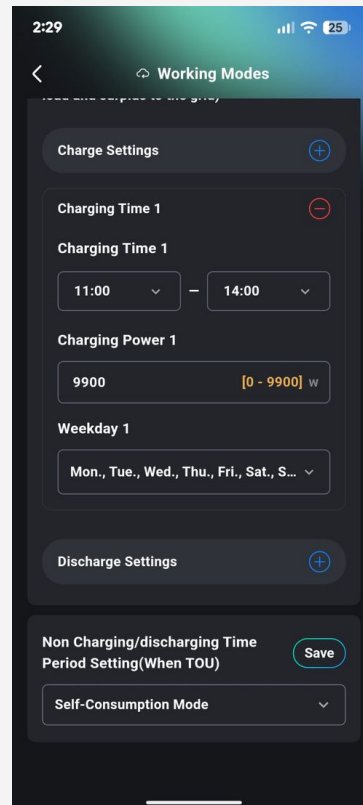
Set **Charging Time 1** to **11:00 – 14:00**, set the **Charging Power** (max varies by inverter — 9900W shown here on a 9.9kW system), and choose the **Weekday** repeat pattern needed.



Charge Settings — filled in

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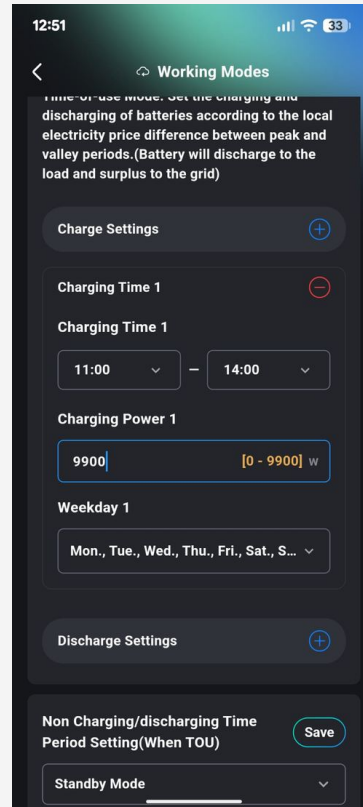
Set **Non Charging/discharging Time Period Setting (When TOU)** to **Self-Consumption Mode** — not Standby. This lets the battery discharge naturally to power your home outside the charge window, so the free energy actually gets used instead of sitting unused.



Self-Consumption Mode confirmed

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Tap **Save**. Discharge Settings can be left empty — Self-Consumption Mode handles discharging automatically.



Ready to save

Good to know: SAJ's own configuration documentation confirms that time outside your defined charge/discharge window defaults to self-consumption behaviour — this is why Self-Consumption Mode (not Standby) is the correct choice for the “Non Charging/discharging Time Period Setting.”

Why Rescom

We've been installing solar and battery systems across NSW since 2014, with over 6,000 installations completed and a 4.9-star Google rating. If you'd like us to check your system is set up to make the most of the Solar Sharer Offer, or you're thinking about adding a battery for the first time, get in touch for a free quote.

Need a hand? Not sure if your battery app supports this, or want us to set it up for you? Give us a call on 1300 128 747, or get in touch at rescomsolar.com.au. We can set the schedule remotely in most cases.