

# Home solar checklist



- Conduct thorough research before investing in a home solar system and obtain more than one quote.
- Ensure that your home is energy efficient. If savings are your goal, efficiency can be a wiser investment.
- Understand how a home solar system interconnects with your energy co-op's system – a call to your energy co-op early in the process is always a good idea.
- Consult a tax professional if you're considering any tax credits.
- Ask your insurance agency how a solar installation may impact your homeowners' coverage. Systems such as solar panel carports or ground-mounted panels may require an add-on or separate policy.
- Follow all safety precautions.
- Choose a reputable contractor/installer – check reviews and ask for references. Make sure they are licensed, insured and bonded for the work they will perform.
- Maintain good records, including financial records and notes from conversations.
- Estimate the potential for solar generation at your location using the [PVWATTS calculator](#), a resource from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and U.S. Department of Energy. Consider this data, as well as the cost of a home solar system, to better understand the economics.
- Contact the energy experts at your electric cooperative for unbiased information and interconnection advice.

Contact your electric cooperative for more information about how a home solar installation could impact your home. Your electric cooperative is here to answer your home energy questions and help you meet your home energy goals.