

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

The Solar Power Rental Scam Revealed



Overview

What is a solar energy scam?

The scams vary, but here's the gist: someone claiming to be with the government or your utility company promises big savings on your utility bills from solar energy or other home improvements designed to increase energy efficiency. If you agree to the scammer's offer, it could cost you tens of thousands of dollars.

Are free solar panels a scam?

Know that "free" or "no cost" solar panel offers are scams. The federal government does not install solar systems in homes for free. If you're considering whether solar energy is right for you, check out the Department of Energy's guide for homeowners and learn more. Or check out the Department of Treasury's guidance on clean energy.

Are solar leases and PPAs a scam?

No, not all leases and PPAs are scams. However, they seem to be a breeding ground for deceptive and predatory practices, including the old "government is paying people to go solar" scam. Related reading: [Solar Leases vs. Solar Loans vs. Solar PPAs](#).

Are homeowners paying for solar panels in a lease or PPA?

In short, free solar panel ads are typically for leases and power purchase agreements (PPAs). These arrangements are basically long-term solar system rentals in which the solar company owns the panels and homeowners pay a monthly fee in lieu of their electricity bill. So, are homeowners technically paying for solar panels in a lease or PPA?

No.

Will my electricity bill disappear if I install solar?

To take full advantage, you'll need to pay federal income tax and pay enough of it to match 30% of your system's cost. If a salesperson says your electricity bill will disappear after installing solar and that you can kick your utility company to the curb, that could also be an exaggeration.

Are you getting ripped off when buying solar panels?

Solar is expensive, no matter how you shake it. And savings sound nice, but if you get stuck with an overpriced solar panel system that's underperforming, you're going to save much less. That's why we put together these tips to avoid getting ripped off when buying solar panels -- backed by expert advice.

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How to protect yourself against solar scams

Canary Media's Electrified Life column shares real-world tales, tips, and insights to demystify what individuals can do to shift their homes and lives to clean electric power. Canary thanks EnergySage for its support of the ...

Don't waste your energy on a solar scam

Be aware of solar energy scams - everything from scammers pretending to be affiliated with the government or utility company to businesses misrepresenting the cost of improvements, savings, and financing options.



How to avoid getting burned by solar or clean energy ...

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Solar Scams: How to deal with door to door solar ...

A solar power scam is when salesperson(s) or

ads on the internet trying to sell high-efficiency solar panels at a low price with other benefits and a high rate of return. SCAM 3: FINANCED OR RENTAL SOLAR ...



Common Solar Scams and How to Avoid Them

If you think you've been the victim of a solar scam, there are consumer protection agencies you can reach out to for help. Sign up for a free account on the EnergySage Marketplace to compare solar quotes from trusted ...

Solar energy is rising in popularity. So are the scams

It's likely a scam. While there are some government-funded solar programs for households that qualify, "going solar" isn't free. Honest businesses will tell you exactly how much it'll cost to get and install solar ...



Don't Be Fooled: 7 Solar Panel Scams to Know and Avoid

Solar salespeople might try to lure you in with promises of free solar panels and limited-time special deals. In most cases, these are just aggressive sales tactics they'll use to rush you into



Beware the Shadows: How To Avoid Solar Panel Scams

This involves understanding the ins and outs of solar panel technology, staying up-to-date with genuine government incentives, and ensuring your chosen installation company is reputable. When armed with the right ...



Solar Panel Scams: Red Flags and How to Avoid Them

Scams are a blight on the solar industry, but that doesn't mean home solar itself is a scam. Here are some tricks to avoiding solar scams, finding reputable installers, and enjoying the benefits of home solar.

Federal Government Addresses Solar Complaints , TIME

The federal notices outline what consumers should do if they have been scammed. Filing a complaint is paramount, the agencies say, at [ReportFraud.FTC.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov), as well as with the Consumer Financial



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Here's how to steer clear of the scams: Do some research. Avoid solar companies that say a government program will cover the whole cost of solar panels -- or say they're from (or affiliated with) the government. ...



Solar Power Scams: What They Are and How to Avoid ...

Solar panel scams target homeowners interested in installing solar energy systems. They involve scammers making false promises or tricking you into paying for services you'll never receive. Recently, the FTC also ...



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