

# Do solar power stations require water

Do photovoltaic solar panels use a lot of water?

Photovoltaic solar power, such as the panels installed on a home's roof, uses no water at all to generate electricity. The only water usage occurs when the panels themselves need to be washed to improve their efficiency.

Does building a solar plant use a lot of water?

Some solar plants, specifically those using 'wet cooling' methods, place great strains on local or regional water resources and use more water per unit of electricity produced than a conventional fossil fuel plant.

Can solar power plants reduce water consumption?

Deserts and other sun-drenched regions are the ideal location for concentrated solar power plants, but where sunlight is abundant water tends to be scarce. The EU-funded MINWATERCSP project is solving this conundrum, developing technologies to comprehensively cut water consumption at CSP plants.

Does solar technology require water?

Solar tech does require water. According to a report by the River Network, it's not the most water-efficient form of energy generation.

Does using solar panels contaminate ground water?

Solar panels installed on a roof, such as those used for photovoltaic solar power, use no water at all to generate electricity. However, there is a risk of spills from other parts of the solar power industry that could contaminate ground water.

How much water does solar power use?

The River Network's 2012 paper estimates that around two gallons of water per megawatt-hour are used directly in photovoltaic power generation (read: washing panels). This is far better than any of the fossil fuel equivalents.

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A typical solar-thermal power station using wet cooling towers consumes about 3800 litres of water to

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generate 1000 kWh of electricity. In power stations in Andalusia in southern Spain, this water can be supplied by rivers or existing ...

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