

# New scam to install solar power generation

# 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.

# 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.

#### What are energy scams?

Energy scams involve people pretending to be energy companies or regulators to get your money or personal information. These scammers may pretend to be your energy company,say they're from Ofgem or even from Energy Saving Trust to try and gain your trust.

# Are solar panels a scam or a cold call?

Here are the cold calls and potential scams to avoid. More than a third of solar PV panel owners in our recent survey told us they have been cold called about their panels in the past five years. Most cold callers were trying to sell them something unnecessary, but a few owners were told something completely untrue.

# How do you know if a solar system is a scam?

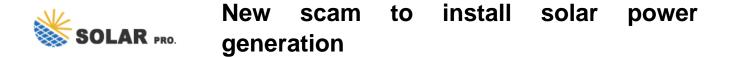
Ask for a list of satisfied customers and look at customer reviews online. Know that the government won't offer you free solar. The federal government does not install residential solar panels for free; if someone is claiming otherwise, it's probably a scam. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

# What should I do if a solar business is a scam?

Protect your personal information. Don't respond to unexpected requests online or on social media for your name, address, or other personal information to "see if you qualify." At best, this is someone generating leads to sell, not actual solar businesses. At worst, they're scammers trying to steal your identity.

The scam starts when someone pretending to be a salesperson or a government employee contacts you through email, social media or at your door and offers to install residential solar panels for low ...

To avoid common solar scams, find a reputable solar installer by researching and reading reviews, assessing the team's expertise, verifying licensing and credentials, getting multiple quotes, reading the fine print on ...



But the truth is, utility companies will never pay customers any kind of cash to install a solar PV system. In fact, most utility companies are neutral on installing solar. Florida Power & Light, the primary utility provider in Northwest Florida, ...

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 ...

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 ...

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