



# Photovoltaic solar panels are not considered illegal construction

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Are solar panels illegal?

Technically, no state outlaws or bans solar panels; quite the opposite. Most states have solar access laws that forbid any agreement, covenant, condition, bylaw, or contract that outlaws or limits solar installations by Homeowners Associations (HOA) or other municipal bodies.

Can homeowners associations ban solar panels?

Many states have enacted "solar rights laws" that prevent homeowners associations (HOAs) from outright banning solar panel installations. These laws protect homeowners' right to generate clean energy while ensuring reasonable aesthetic guidelines are followed. Currently, 25 states have specific laws limiting HOA restrictions on solar installations.

Do I need a license to install solar photovoltaic systems in Minnesota?

Answer: Yes. A new law effective July 1, 2023, requires companies that contract with residential homeowners to install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on homes in Minnesota be licensed as a residential building contractor or remodeler.

Can a new solar PV system be installed in a building?

Answer: No. The existing Rapid Shutdown system technology installed at the time of the initial installation of the solar PV system would be acceptable. NEC Section 690.12 addresses the Rapid Shutdown requirements for "new" solar PV systems installed in or on a building, and not to existing solar PV systems.

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NFPA 1 provides guidance on how solar photovoltaic panels must be installed on the roofs of homes.

Let's cut through the confusion: Installing photovoltaic panels isn't inherently illegal, but it's like baking a soufflé; - get one step wrong and the whole thing collapses.



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Before installing solar panels, check your local zoning laws and HOA regulations regarding solar access rights. Many states require HOAs to accommodate solar installations, though ...

The 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) has solar photovoltaic (PV) system requirements for all newly constructed low-rise residential buildings.

Homeowners can submit consumer complaints to the TDLR against both residential solar retailers for contracts starting on or after September 1, 2025, and electrical contractors for work they performed ...

However, in general, solar panels are not illegal and most states have laws in place that protect a homeowner's right to install them. There are a few states where HOAs may still prohibit or restrict ...

Paradoxically, the states most likely to do this are some that would greatly benefit from solar power, like Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska. This article will list all the states with the largest ...

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