

# Solar panels become solar panels



## Overview

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In a nutshell, solar panels generate electricity when photons (those particles of sunlight we discussed before) hit solar cells. The process is called the photovoltaic effect. But how do they make this conversion happen?

Let's explore the process. Is solar power a clean energy source?

Yes, solar power is. Solar panels convert sunlight into pollution-free electricity – but how?

Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, State Senator Amanda Cappelletti, State Rep. Greg Vitali, PennEnvironment and Solarize Delco check out Temple Lutheran Church's rooftop solar panels.

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### How Does Solar Work?

Solar technologies convert sunlight into electrical energy either through photovoltaic (PV) panels or through mirrors that concentrate solar radiation. This energy can be used to generate electricity or be ...

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### Understanding Solar Energy

The biggest energy story of the last fifteen years is the rise of solar photovoltaics, also known as solar PV or simply solar panels.



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Solar panel technology is changing faster than ever before. In 2025, solar panels are getting much better in four key ways: efficiency, durability, aesthetics, and manufacturing quality. ...

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Solar panels work by harnessing sunlight and converting it into electricity, a process made possible by the photovoltaic effect. In simple terms, solar panels turn light into power that can ...

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The main component of a solar panel is a solar cell, which converts the Sun 's energy to usable electrical energy. The most common form of solar panels involve crystalline silicon -type solar ...

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## Photovoltaics and electricity

PV panels can be connected in groups to form a PV array. A PV array can be composed of as few as two PV panels to hundreds of PV panels. The number of PV panels connected in a PV ...

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Learn how solar power works, from the photovoltaic effect to AC conversion, with clear explanations of clean, renewable solar energy and panel

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