

## SolarInnovate Energy Solutions

# New house needs solar system



## Overview

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The short answer is yes—they offer a wide range of benefits that make them ideal for newly built properties. But like any investment, it's important to weigh the pros, cons, and alternatives. Should solar be mandatory for new build homes?

I still believe that solar on all new build homes should be mandatory through building regulations to ensure that all new homes save money from day one on their energy bills. As a new build home, the costs of installation of solar are minimised and the payback would be short for most UK homes.

Should you add solar panels to your new home?

Adding solar panels to newly constructed homes can increase the sale price, attract new customers, and distinguish a homebuilder and their homes among competitors. A SETO-funded study found that homeowners across the country have been willing to pay a premium for homes with an average-size solar array.

Should you buy a home with solar panels?

A home with solar panels has lower electricity bills than an equivalent home without solar panels. Over the life of the solar system, the savings exceed the higher up-front price of the home. Homebuilders can share information with consumers about financing options and incentives described in the Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar.

Are solar-ready homes a good investment?

Solar-ready homes can be appealing to homeowners who might want solar panels in the future but are not ready to make the initial investment. Solar-ready homes will also lower the cost of installing solar for homeowners, so this option can command a sales price premium.

Can a home builder help you go solar?

Homebuilders can share information with consumers about financing options and incentives described in the Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar. Finally, solar owners are eligible for financial incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (see below), which reduce the cost of going solar.

Will solar panels be required on new residential buildings?

In an effort to draw 100% of state electricity from renewable resources, the government mandated that solar panels would be required on all new residential buildings with 3 stories or less. (Flash forward to 2020, and the law is now in effect.)

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