

# **Can solar power be installed for home use in the UK**





## Overview

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Domestic solar panel installations are considered to have permitted development under the UK planning law. This means that planning permission is not required to install solar panels. This law was changed in 2023 to encourage homeowners to use more renewable energy sources. Will solar panels become a standard for new homes in England?

The UK Government is set to include requirements in its Future Homes Standard for most new builds in England to have solar panels. So, it looks like solar panels are set to become the standard in the near future. If you've lived with solar panels before, you're probably aware of what you need to look out for.

Are solar panels legal in the UK?

There are many benefits to installing solar panels on residential properties in the UK. They are growing in demand with many household owners and property developers installing them on their property. However, when it comes to solar panels on houses, there are some key legal requirements in the UK.

When will solar panels be installed in England?

The UK Government has officially announced its 2027 solar mandate, requiring solar panels to be installed on nearly all new homes in England starting in 2027.

What are the regulations for installing solar panels in the UK?

Whether you're installing on a residential roof or a larger property, let's take a look at some of the regulations for installing solar panels in the UK. Arguably, the most important regulations for those looking to install solar panels on their property are those that consider the placement or positioning of the solar panels.

Do I need permission to install a solar panel?



Generally, any solar panel installation under 1MW is permitted without any additional approval required. Similarly to domestic installations, for no permission to be requested, there are several regulations to be met for commercial solar panel installations.

Can I install solar panels on my property?

If your property is situated in a conservation area, it may be possible to install solar panels under Permitted Rights. However, if you're planning to install the panels in a way that would be visible from a highway, a planning application and consent from the local authority will be necessary.



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