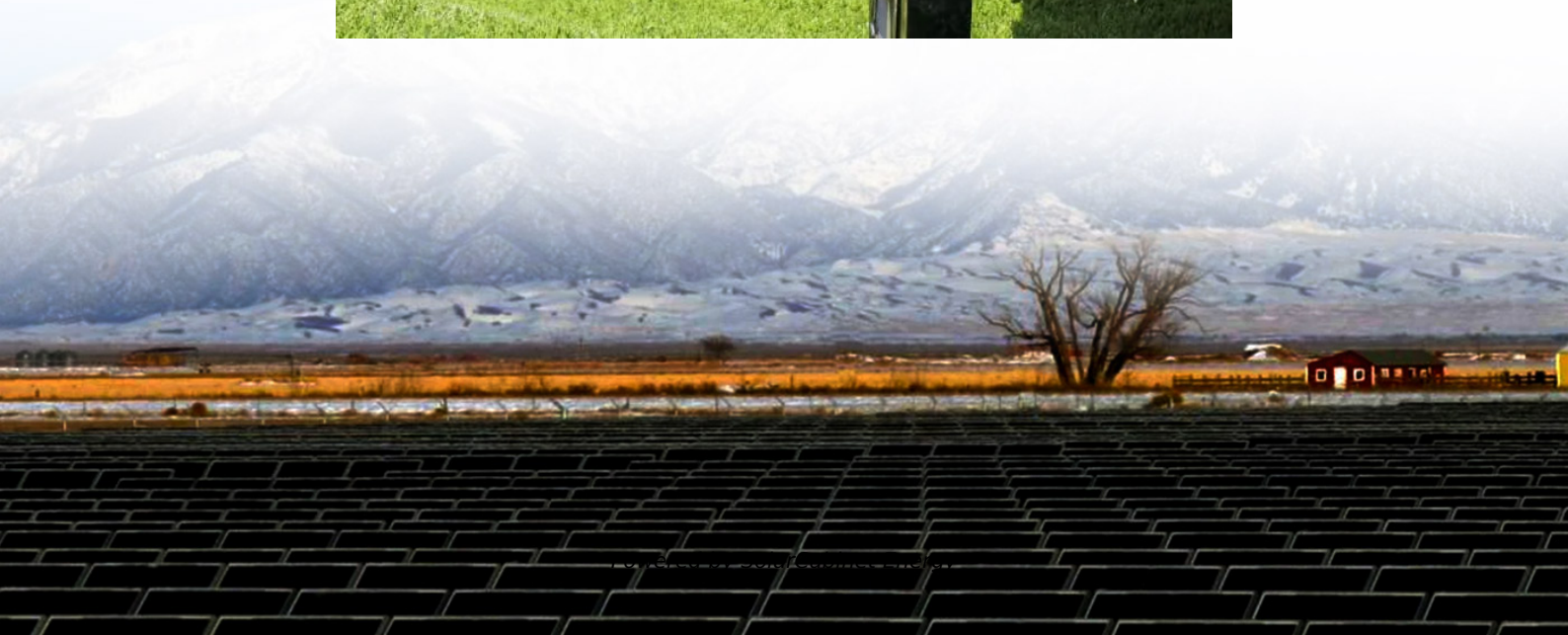


Home costs of solar systems





Overview

How much does a home solar system cost?

According to studies by the U.S. Department of Energy, the all-in cost of a home solar panel system is between \$2.74 to \$3.30 per watt. ^{1,2,12} This figure includes the solar panels, the installation, and other expenses. Using these numbers, an average-sized 8-kilowatt residential solar system would cost between \$21,900 – \$26,400.

How much does a solar panel cost?

Today's premium monocrystalline solar panels typically cost between 30 and 50 cents per Watt, putting the price of a single 400-watt solar panel between \$120 to \$200, depending on how you buy it. Less efficient polycrystalline panels are typically cheaper at \$0.25 per Watt. The cost of a solar panel also depends on how you buy it.

How much does it cost to install and manage solar panels?

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How much does it cost to clean solar panels?

Solar panels require very little upkeep. If you're able to clean the solar panels yourself, the only maintenance cost will be the water used to hose them down. If you hire a professional to clean your solar panels, it will cost around \$100 to \$350, on average.

How much does solar panel maintenance cost?

Solar panel maintenance is relatively straightforward, usually requiring annual cleaning and inspection, which costs around \$150-300 per visit. Many homeowners choose to clean their panels themselves, using just water and a soft brush, though professional cleaning is recommended for steep roofs or



hard-to-reach installations.

How much does it cost to recycle solar panels?

The recycling process recovers valuable materials like glass, aluminum, and silicon, which can be used to make new panels or other products. While recycling costs vary by location and provider, expect to pay between \$10-30 per panel if your manufacturer doesn't offer free recycling.



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[Solar Panel Prices in 2025: Average Cost by kWh, Incentives & ROI](#)

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