

Solar checklist

You can print and use this checklist to help make planning installation of your new photovoltaic solar system easier.



Prepare your home

Make your home energy efficient before solar installation to maximize investment.

- Take five minutes to do your Home Energy Checkup at [pge.com/homenergycheckup](https://www.pge.com/homenergycheckup) and receive customized recommendations.

Do the math

- Use PG&E's solar calculator to estimate the size system that would cover your needs and evaluate financing options [pge.com/solarcalc](https://www.pge.com/solarcalc).
- Be sure to use solar calculator results when requesting bids and selecting a contractor.

Find a contractor

- Pick experienced contractors from whom to request bids using the contractor database available at [gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov](https://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov).
- Request bids from at least three contractors.
- Verify contractor licenses with the **Contractors State Licensing Board**. [🔗](#)
- Ensure all bids are prepared using the same assumptions as closely as possible so you can compare "apples to apples." Assumptions to review include:
 - system size
 - warranties
 - total costs over the life of the system (upfront and ongoing costs)
 - what is included as a base package versus an "adder"
- Before signing a contract, read it carefully and thoroughly. Ensure all costs are included (ex. labor, materials, financing, etc.), verify savings are not overstated, and ask questions about anything you do not fully understand. Refer to the **California Solar Consumer Protection Guide**. [🔗](#)
- Take your time. Don't rush into a decision before fully evaluating your options.

