



# Are photovoltaic panels afraid of being stepped on

Are solar panels causing a surge in photovoltaic panel waste?

The coming surge in photovoltaic panel waste is tiny compared to other categories, and most health concerns about solar equipment are unfounded. The Amazon Fort Powhatan Solar Farm in Disputanta, Virginia on August 19, 2022. Credit: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

Are solar panels a problem?

The vast quantity of waste from all of those sources is a concern and we need to find ways to reduce waste, but solar panels are not a major issue in that larger conversation. Solar panels do not contain harmful levels of the toxic materials that often get discussed at public hearings about development.

Are photovoltaic solar panels safe?

The risks associated with the use of renewables are often overlooked and this poses serious problems for insurers. However, we are keen to support our customers and to provide guidance on how photovoltaic solar panel systems can be installed and used safely.

Should solar panel waste be increased?

Concerns about an increase in solar panel waste need to be placed in the context of how the amount of waste compares to other sources.

Are solar panels dangerous?

In most states, panels are classified as hazardous materials, which require expensive restrictions on packaging, transport and storage. (The vast majority of residential solar arrays in the U.S. are crystalline silicon panels, which can contain lead, although it's less prevalent in newer panels.)

Are solar panels fire safe?

Recommendations for fire safety with PV solar panel installations is a joint code of practice for fire safety with photovoltaic panel installations, with a focus on commercial rooftop mounted systems, but it has lots of guidance for solar panel systems in general too.

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