

# Can I protect my rights by dismantling photovoltaic panels

Should solar PV panels be disassembled or recycled?

In California the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/DOSH) is an important agency in regards to legislation of EoL management of goods, but there are currently no new regulations on how and when solar PV panels should be disassembled or recycled. In California, solar cell waste is considered an electronic waste.

How to keep solar panels out of landfills?

Another way to keep solar panels out of landfills is through panel reuse, either by direct reuse or after refurbishment. When reused, solar panels get a second life generating clean energy at a different location.

Should solar PV panels be 'prevent' or 'reduce'?

In regard to solar PV panels, the option 'Prevention' and 'Reduce' is not desired for solar PV, as the increased demand in renewable energy to reduce carbon dioxide emission during the generation of electric power requires the increased use of solar PV panels within the mix of electric energy generation technologies.

What happens if you don't recycle solar panels?

Heavy metals in solar cells, like cadmium and lead, can become hazardous waste if not recycled or disposed of properly. Additionally, solar panels that are carelessly thrown away can end up in large landfills (as most of them do currently due to the solar panel recycling process' infancy).

Are solar panels regulated at end of life?

Find information here about different types of solar panels and how they are regulated at end of life. If you are disposing of solar panels that are hazardous waste, then regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) must be followed to make sure the panels are safely recycled or disposed of. On this page:

Are solar PV panels recyclable?

Waste from solar PV panels is the fastest growing electronic waste component. Only the EU and UK have legislated recycling policy for solar PV panels. Some nations with significant uptake of solar PV power have no regulations. Others are in the process to establish regulations for solar PV panels.

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