



# How to dismantle and sell used photovoltaic panels

How do you recycle solar panels?

An ideal recycling system would recover as much material from solar panels as possible. There are different methods to recycle solar panels, which can include some or all of the following three steps: Separation and purification of the silicon cells and specialty metals (e.g., silver, tin, lead, copper) through chemical and electrical techniques.

What happens if we don't recycle solar panels?

Resource depletion: Solar panels, as an advanced technology, are manufactured using valuable and finite resources, including aluminum, silicon, and glass. Not recycling these materials means we are not recovering these limited resources, which can otherwise be used for manufacturing new solar panels or other electronics.

Are end-of-life solar panels recycled?

Find out how solar panels are recycled and where to take your end-of-life solar panels for recycling. On this page: Waste from end-of-life solar panels presents opportunities to recover valuable materials and create jobs through recycling.

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 I resell or recycle used solar panels?

The first step in your assessment to determine whether to resell or recycle used solar panels is to conduct a hardware audit. This step should ideally take place before decommissioning; however, you can still complete a thorough audit after the fact as well. While the PV system is still connected, inspect and test the modules.

How do you dismantle a solar panel?

While the actual dismantling process may vary depending on the make and model of the panel, here are the typical steps involved: Frame and glass removal: The tempered glass encapsulation and frame (aluminum or other materials) are removed from the solar panel. These materials are valuable and can be reused, so they are separated and stored safely.

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