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Georgia Solar Electric System Program

Overview

Everything Georgia homeowners need to know about solar panel installation, including updated costs, state incentives, federal tax credits, and expert tips for choosing the right solar contractor.Does Georgia Power have a simple solar program?

Effective January 2017, Georgia Power's Green Energy program ended and the Simple Solar Program began. The Simple Solar Program enables customers to support and foster the growth of solar energy in Georgia by Georgia Power purchasing and retiring Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated from solar energy resources on the customer's behalf.

What is the best solar incentive in Georgia?

The best solar incentive in Georgia is actually a federal tax credit. The Residential Clean Energy Credit, formerly known as the federal investment tax credit (ITC), can reduce your solar panel system's cost by 30%. Your entire system, including all the equipment, labor, permitting, and sales tax, qualifies for the ITC.

How much does a solar system cost in Georgia?

In Georgia, you'll need a 12.35 kW system to match the average electric bill. It'll cost you around $22,192 after the federal tax credit. As long as your federal tax bill is high enough, you can take advantage of the federal investment tax credit (ITC). Compare multiple offers and save up to 20%.

Is Georgia a good state to install solar panels?

With higher than average electricity prices and abundant sunshine, Georgia's a pretty great state for solar energy. It may not have the best local solar incentives, but as a Georgian, you can still take advantage of solar's most valuable incentive, the Federal Tax Credit. Here's what you should know about installing solar panels in the Peach State.

How much does a 5 kW solar panel cost in Georgia?

In Georgia, the average cost for a 5 kW solar panel system is around $13,160. Once you factor in the 30% credit, the cost of a solar panel system in Georgia comes down to $9,212. When you file your taxes, you can claim this incentive as a credit towards your federal tax bill.

Can you get free solar panels in Georgia?

Unfortunately, you can't get free solar panels in Georgia, though incentives can dramatically lower the price you pay. If you've seen advertisements for free solar panels or no-cost solar programs, they're probably referring to solar leases or PPAs.

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