

# Is it necessary to install photovoltaic panels to generate electricity

In a nutshell, solar panels generate electricity when photons (those particles of sunlight we discussed before) hit solar cells. The process is called the photovoltaic effect.

There are two primary ways to harness solar energy: photovoltaic (PV) systems that convert sunlight directly into electricity, and solar thermal systems that capture heat energy. This ...

It's a common misconception that you need electricity to run solar panels, but in reality, solar panels generate electricity rather than consuming it. Once the panels are installed and set up, ...

Photovoltaic Cells Convert Sunlight Into ElectricityThe Flow of Electricity in A Solar CellPV Cells, Panels, and ArraysPV System EfficiencyPV System ApplicationsHistory of PV SystemsA photovoltaic (PV) cell, commonly called a solar cell, is a nonmechanical device that converts sunlight directly into electricity. Some PV cells can convert artificial light into electricity. Sunlight is composed of photons, or particles of solar energy. These photons contain varying amounts of energy that correspond to the different wavelengths o...See more on eia.govPublished: Oct 1, 2024#b\_results .b\_vidAns{border-radius:6px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05);padding:16px 20px;gap:10px;background:#fff}@charset "UTF-8";#b\_results .b\_ans.b\_vidAns{box-shadow:none!important;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium) 0!important;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_th,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .cico,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_htb,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhcp,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtpc{border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-list-card-default)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{margin:0}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_channel,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_row\_channel{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf .expctn .expbody,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cico{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_ban\_lo{top:0;right:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{height:auto;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0 var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium);display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_title,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_title{color:var(--smtc-ctrl-link-foreground-brand-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body2);heig

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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);height:var(--mai-smtc-padding-car
d-default);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:" . "}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
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.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc .mc_vtvc_meta_w{height:auto}.vsacf
.b_title{padding-left:0}.vsacf .b_title
.mmtitle{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle1-strong);margin-bottom:0}.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a::after{content:"";margin:5px 5px 0 0;border-top:2px solid
var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);border-right:2px solid
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.mc_cwvc{width:100%;margin-bottom:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc
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var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-default);background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#s
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.mc_vtvc_title{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc,#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf

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.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{position:static}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:block}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)
var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .rmts .mc_bc
ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock.rmoveoverlay{height:36px}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd
.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-i
mage-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0
0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta,.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf
span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0
0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vsacf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title
strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt .b_sldrpr
.slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#se
rpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-co
ntent:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vsacf
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ound-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
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.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow
path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control
.b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:
1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none;padding:12px 20px 0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns
.vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless
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.mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_
bs{overflow:hidden}#mc_cwvc_1770675330121 { width:356px; max-width: 100%; } .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 16px 16px 16px 16px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 139px; margin-top:
-0px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 54px; line-height: 18px; margin-bottom: 18px; margin-top: 0px; }
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 35px; } .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 147px; }
.mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 139px; } .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 200px; }
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rgba(0,0,0,.05);line-height:0;margin:0;position:relative;border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc.noshado
w{box-shadow:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;position:relative}.mc_vtvc>a{colo
r:#71777d;display:block;text-decoration:none;width:100%}.mc_vtvc>a:focus::after{outline:2px solid
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ckground-color:#d5d5d5;position:relative}.mc_vtvc_th
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argin-top:-40px;padding:12px
8px;z-index:1}.mc_vtvc_actc{right:16px;bottom:16px;position:absolute;display:inline-block;z-index:1}.mc_v
tvc_act_sep{border-top:1px solid #d5d5d5;height:40px;margin:0 8px}.mc_vtvc_fh
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:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_htb{width:100%;height:100%;background:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:
0;left:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_ht{width:100%;padding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vert
ical-align:middle;text-align:center}.mc_vtvc_th_live_b{background-color:#c80000;color:#fff;display:inline-bl
ock;padding:2px 8px;font:11px/14px
Arial;border-radius:2px;text-transform:uppercase;height:15px;width:26px;position:absolute;left:8px;top:110p
x}.isvctrl .isv
.mc_vtvc_ban_up{left:0;right:initial}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{right:0}.vt_text.b_IRight
.b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0 1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.mc_vthtb{width:100%;height:100%;bac
kground:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0;display:table}.mc_vtht{width:100%;pad
ding:0
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ical-align:middle;text-align:center;display:table-cell}.vt_text.b_IRight .b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0
1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0
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ontain;position:absolute;margin:auto;bottom:0;top:0;left:0;right:0;box-shadow:none;border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc
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.mc_vtvc_ht{display:table-cell}.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:inline-block}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:none}.mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:163px}.vsarf .mc_vtvc
.vtmu,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:122px}.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:137px}.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{top:8px;left:8px}.mc_vtvc_center_play{background-image:url(data:image/svg+xml,%3Csvg%20width
%3D%2232%22%20height%3D%2232%22%20viewBox%3D%220%200%2032%2032%22%20fill%3D%22
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ect%20width%3D%2232%22%20height%3D%2232%22%20rx%3D%2216%22%20fill%3D%22black%22%
20fill-opacity%3D%220.6%22%2F%3E%0D%0A%20%20%20%20%3Cpath%20d%3D%22M14.2354%201
0.1923C13.2355%209.62986%2012%2010.3524%2012%2011.4997V20.5C12%2021.6472%2013.2355%202
2.3698%2014.2354%2021.8073L22.2356%2017.3073C23.2551%2016.7339%2023.2551%2015.2661%2022.
2357%2014.6926L14.2354%2010.1923Z%22%20fill%3D%22white%22%20fill-opacity%3D%220.9%22%2
F%3E%0D%0A%3C%2Fsvg%3E)}.mc_vtvc_meta{box-sizing:border-box;display:inline-block;line-height:18
px;position:relative;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_meta_block{bottom:0;position:absolute;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_m
eta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:11px;height:17px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-space:now
rap}.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{display:inline-block}.mc_vtvc_meta_row
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{position:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_block,.mc_v
tvc_meta_block a{color:#444}.b_dark
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{color:#edebe9}.mc_vtvc_meta_row>:nth-of-type(n+2)::before{content:"
"}.mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:">
"}.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px;padding-bottom:4px;font-weight:bold;color:#00809d;text-transform:u
ppercase;font-size:11px}.mc_vtvc_kmt,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt .tbc_tt{display:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_title{max-height:18px;margin-bottom:18px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov.mmsts
.mc_vtvc_title{visibility:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov
.mc_vtvc_kmt{display:block}.mc_vtvc_kmt_content
.b_factrow{line-height:17px;font-size:11px;max-height:34px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;padding:
0 16px 0 0;color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px}.mc_vtvc_title:hover{text-decoration:none}.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{co
lor:#444;padding-bottom:3px}.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_w{po
sition:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden;posit
ion:absolute;top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w .cico,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w
.cico{border-radius:0;overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_c{overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_bg
img{margin-top:-20px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_w
.mc_vtvc_meta{background:rgba(255,255,255,.75)}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w img,.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w
.mc_vtvc_cb_w{filter:blur(25px);transform:scale(1.2)}body[--video-metadata-channel-color:#3c3c3c]body.b
_dark[--video-metadata-channel-color:unset].vsarf .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{color:unset}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:var(--video-metadata-channel-color)}.vsarf .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w

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.mc_vtvc_title,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_title strong{font-weight:bold}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_th
.cico{height:132px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.empt
yStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurp
ose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{display:inline-block;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:9px;height:8px;width:7px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{background:url(/rp/Lp38sn_O4jegSK0IHxZVxyp-yKQ.png) -172px
-31px;display:inline-block;height:8px;width:12px;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:6px}.vtbc
.pivot{height:20px;width:8px;min-width:8px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{background:url(
MAAADHKvg1AAAIVBMVEX////////////////////9/gMdvAAAACnRSTIMAETNEVWambv
uo4D1oAAAAB9JREFUCB1jmMoABKuaQcSqQhCxKgFGgLhNQIkpQAwA8zkLyQA16F0AAAAASUVO
RK5CYII=)}.mc_bc_w{height:18px;padding:8px;text-align:right}.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);p
adding:2px
8px;line-height:14px;color:#fff;display:inline-block;vertical-align:middle;border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}
.mc_bc_w .pivot{text-align:center;margin-right:1px;height:14px}.vsarr .mmgrid .mc_bc_w
.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);opacity:1}.mmsi{height:16px;width:16px;position:relative;top:5px;
padding-right:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}.mmsi-microsoftnews,.mmsi-msn{top:3px}.vrhdata
{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
.pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"] .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhrc.pffv
.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhrc.pffv
.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhrc.pffv
.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhrc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th img{transition:all .3s
ease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--ma
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg) center
no-repeat;mask-size:12px;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-card-on-image-default);width:20px;height
:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvi{width:22px;height:22px;mask-size:16px}[data-tps="S"] .pffvt{font-size:0}[data-tps="S"]
.pffvi{width:24px;height:24px;mask-size:24px;align-self:center}.hvpv.h5s
.pffvt{display:inline-flex}.hvpv.h5s .vrhrc.pffv .vrhc.pffv .vrhc.pffv
.vrhc.pffv .vrhc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.pffvt{text-decoration:underline}.vrhrc
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.vrhol{position:absolute;width:100%;height:35px;max-height:35px;bottom:0;left:0;padding:0;background:none;display:block;z-index:9}.vrhccp                .vrhol.hide,.vrhccp                .vrhol
.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;position:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-radius:2px;padding-right:8px}.vrhot                div{display:inline-block}.vrhot
nt{color:#fff;font-size:11px;font-weight:bold;background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);padding:2px
8px;margin-left:0;top:0;box-sizing:border-box;position:relative}.vrhc
.ricons{position:absolute;right:8px;top:10px;left:auto;bottom:auto;height:18px;display:inline-block;cursor:pointer}.vrhol.icons_1    .vrhot{margin-right:27px}.vrhol.icons_2    .vrhot{margin-right:49px}.vrhol.icons_3
.vrhot{margin-right:79px}.vrhol                .vrhot                nt,.vsb_tr_chd                .vrhol.icons_1
.vrhot{margin-right:0}.vpb{position:absolute;display:block;bottom:0;left:0;height:4px}.vpb
div{position:absolute}.vpb                nt{width:0;background:#fff}.vpb
nt.test{display:none}.vpb.back{background-color:#999}.vrhccp
.vrhol.npb{height:36px;max-height:36px}.vrhol
.vadda{width:22px;height:18px;padding:0;margin-right:0;margin-left:2px;bottom:0;position:relative;display:inline-block;z-index:1;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;overflow:hidden}.vrhol
.vadda.hide{display:none}.vrhol    .vadda    .mc_vfaa{margin:3px    5px}.ricons    .vol{float:left}.ricons
.adultFlag{float:right}.vol{width:22px;height:18px;bottom:0;margin-left:1px;margin-right:1px;position:relative;display:inline-block}.vol.hide,.vol                .hide{display:none}.vol
.bg{background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px}.vol.bg,.vol                nt{position:absolute;bottom:0}.vol
.vol.bg.volnb{border-radius:0 0 2px 2px}.vol    .volsliderHandle.bg{border-radius:2px 2px 0 0}.vol    nt
.volsliderHandle{height:70px;display:none;width:22px;float:left;bottom:18px;position:absolute;display:block
}.vol                nt                .volsliderHandle.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vsb{height:54px;width:4px;background-color:#999;margin:9px                auto
8px;position:relative;display:block;border-radius:2px}.volsliderHandle
.vsh{height:6px;width:14px;padding:9px                7px                9px                7px;margin:0
-12px;display:block;position:absolute;top:30px}.volsliderHandle    .vsh.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vshi{height:4px;width:14px;background-color:#fff;border-radius:2px}.volMuteIcon{width:16px;height:14px;
margin:2px
4px;float:left}.volMuteHandle{width:22px;height:18px}.vo{background:url(/rp/ffZxBXEIP9WYOO0jhTaElyLhEVU.svg)
no-repeat}.vm{background:url(/rp/fsX-ZVd03wB2TL0vmQJxSp4U9vs.svg)
no-repeat}.vl{background:url(/rp/YXYMPC1Rry_XJGc7Yg8lR4B2eEs.svg)
no-repeat}.vf{background:url(/rp/NosrIR4amKTs1zYxWy3laZN3HRk.svg)
no-repeat}@media(forced-colors:active){.vol{forced-color-adjust:none}}.vrhc    line    .vt_vp,.vrhc.popout
.vt_vp,.vrhc.mousefollow
.vt_vp{position:absolute;bottom:0;border:hidden;padding:0;top:0;left:0;z-index:3}.vrhtc
.hide{display:none}.vrh_clc    .vt_vp,.vrh_clc    .vrhtc    .vrhi,.vrh_clc    .player_ol{cursor:pointer}.vrh_clc
.cico{border-radius:0}.vrhtc{border:hidden;top:0;left:0;padding:0}.vrhc.mousefollow                .vrhtc,.vrhc.popout
.vrhtc{background-color:#999}.vrhtpc.load
.player_ol{background:url(/rp/J_o2maogFDeUOsovPJJL-ofEuxJ4.gif) center center no-repeat}.vrhc line .vrhtc
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.vrhi,.vrhc.popout .vrhtc .vrhi,.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhtc
.vrhi{position:absolute!important;border:hidden;z-index:2;padding:0;left:0;top:0}.player_ol{position:absolute
;width:100%;height:100%;bottom:0;border:hidden;z-index:7}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc
line,.vrhc.mousefollow{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;display:table-row-group;background:none}.vrhc.p
opout,.vrhc.mousefollow{z-index:4;box-shadow:0 4px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.1),0 2px 80px rgba(0,0,0,.2)}.vrhc
line{z-index:1;margin:0}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc line{position:absolute;top:0}.vrhc.popout{border:1px solid
#fff}.vrhc.mousefollow{position:fixed}.vrhcpc{position:relative;top:0;left:0;display:table-row}.vrhcpc
.vrhtc{position:relative;overflow:hidden}.vrhc.hide{display:none}@keyframes
vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc:not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
img{color:transparent}.vrhc
line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc: hover,.vrhc: link,.vrhc: active,.vrhc: visited{color:#000;text-decoration:no
ne}.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none
}.vrhstat{height:0;overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; }
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title {
height: 44px; line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom:
120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; } .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin:10px 1px 0}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px;padding:0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:400;font-size:16px;height:44px;line-height:22px;margin-bottom:0;margin-top:0;c
olor:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th .cico,.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th div.rms_img{border-radius:6px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th{height:111px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_htc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}#serpvvidans.vasac.cardless{box-shadow:none}.cardless.m
mmlist .mc_bc{padding:2px 8px;line-height:14px;border-radius:2px;font-weight:normal}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc: hover
.mc_vtvc_title{text-decoration:underline}.mmgrid>div{width:197px;display:inline-block;margin-right:8px;m
argin-bottom:8px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);position:relative;vertical-align:top;overflow:hidden;white-space:normal;border-radius:6px}.vs
arr .mmgrid>div,.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div{margin-right:8px;margin-bottom:8px}#serpvvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{height:auto}#serpvvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}.mmgrid
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.mc_tc{border:0}.vsa .mmgrid>div:nth-child(3n){margin-right:0}.vsa
.b_moreLink{padding-top:4px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:18px;font-size:100%;height:17px}.vsarr
.mmgrid>div:nth-child(2n){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:128px}.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div:nth-child(2){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr.uipolish
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidansrr.uipolish .mc_vtvc_meta_channel,#serpvidansrr.uipolish #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_metadata .video_source{color:#767676}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata_container,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata_container
.video_metadata>h3{width:100%}@media(max-width:1362.9px){#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div{width:168px;height:206px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico
.rms_img{width:168px;height:100px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{padding:12px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:34px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:15px;font-size:13px;height:15px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:4px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:114px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:343px!important;height:194px!important;margin-right:0} @media(max-width:1274.9px){#s
erpvidansrr .mmgrid>div{width:124px;height:164px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div .cico .rms_img{width:124px;height:76px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{padding:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:12px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:28px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:13px;font-size:11px;height:13px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:96px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:256px!important;height:144px!important;margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .maskthumb
.mc_bc_w{padding:8px 4px 4px 8px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(1),#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(2){margin-bottom:24px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline .mmgrid{border-bottom:1px
solid #ecec;#margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata{max-width:auto;padding:12px 16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard{margin-bottom:12px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05),0 2px 3px
rgba(0,0,0,.1);border-radius:6px}#serpvidansrr .b_rich{padding-top:0}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.videoPlayer{border-radius:6px 6px 0 0;overflow:hidden}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata>h3{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;-webkit-line-clamp:1;line-he
ight:15px;height:15px;font-size:13px;color:#000;margin-bottom:20px;font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Seri
f;font-style:normal;display:block}#serpvidansrr.vsbarr1stbig #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata
.actionmenu{display:none}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_summary,#serpvidansrr #vidans2
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.b\_videocard .video\_source{line-height:15px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b\_videocard .videoPlayer .vtbc{right:0}Videos of Is It Necessary to Install Photovoltaic Panels to Generate El...Watch video1:19How do solar panels work for your home? Which?612.6K viewsMay 8, 2019Watch full videoWatch video1:52Solar Energy 101 - How Solar Panels Work Rainier Solar441.9K viewsJul 4, 2012Watch video12:24Solar Power System For Home: Ultimate Beginners Guide Best Electric2.9M viewsNov 20, 2019Watch video11:03New Way to Install Solar Panels Can Make More Electricity | Lumencity Lumencity250.2K viewsFeb 9, 2024Watch full video.b\_imgcap\_alttitle p strong,.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_factrow strong{color:#767676}#b\_results

.b\_imgcap\_alttitle{line-height:22px}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle{display:flex;flex-direction:row-reverse;gap:var(--mai-smc-padding-card-default)}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img{flex-shrink:0;display:flex;flex-direction:column}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_main{min-width:0;flex:1}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img>div,.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img a{display:flex}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img img{border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-card-default)}.b\_hList img{display:block}.b\_imagePair ner img{display:block;border-radius:6px}.b\_algo .vtv2 img{border-radius:0}.b\_hList .cico{margin-bottom:10px}.b\_title .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_vList>li>.b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_hList .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_vPanel>div>.b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_gridList .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_caption .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_imagePair> ner>.b\_footnote,.b\_poleContent .b\_imagePair> ner{padding-bottom:0}.b\_imagePair> ner{padding-bottom:10px;float:left}.b\_imagePair.reverse> ner{float:right}.b\_imagePair .b\_imagePair:last-child:after{clear:none}.b\_algo .b\_title .b\_imagePair{display:block}.b\_imagePair.b\_cTxtWithImg>\*{vertical-align:middle;display:inline-block}.b\_i magePair.b\_cTxtWithImg> ner{float:none;padding-right:10px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s> ner{width:50px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s{padding-left:60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s> ner{margin:2px 0 0 -60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s.reverse{padding-left:0;padding-right:60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s.reverse> ner{margin:2px -60px 0 0}.b\_ci\_image\_overlay:hover{cursor:pointer} sightsOverlay,#OverlayIFrame.b\_mcOverlay sightsOverlay{position:fixed;top:5%;left:5%;bottom:5%;right:5%;width:90%;height:90%;border:0;border-radius:15px;margin:0;padding:0;overflow:hidden;z-index:9;display:none}#OverlayMask,#OverlayMask.b\_mcOverlay{z-index:8;background-color:#000;opacity:.6;position:fixed;top:0;left:0;width:100%;height:100%}Center for Sustainable SystemsSolar PV Energy Factsheet - Center for Sustainable ...Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar ...

Photovoltaics (PV) is the conversion of light into electricity using semiconducting materials that exhibit the photovoltaic effect, a phenomenon studied in physics, photochemistry, and electrochemistry. The ...

A PV cell is made of semiconductor material. When photons strike a PV cell, they will reflect off the cell, pass through the cell, or be absorbed by the semiconductor material. Only the ...

Solar technologies convert sunlight into electrical energy either through photovoltaic (PV) panels or through

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mirrors that concentrate solar radiation. This energy can be used to generate electricity or be ...

Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar thermal technologies use sunlight to heat water for ...

Solar panels turn sunlight into clean electricity through photovoltaic cells that excite electrons to generate an electric current. This direct current (DC) is then converted into usable ...

A photovoltaic (PV) system is composed of one or more solar panels combined with an inverter and other electrical and mechanical hardware that use energy from the Sun to generate electricity.

Photovoltaic panels are made from silicon cells that generate direct current electricity when sunlight excites electrons. With DC, energy flows in one direction. Homes, however, are wired...

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