

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

# Rural free photovoltaic panels scam



## Overview

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If you've received an offer for "free solar panels," it could be a scam. Always look for businesses you can trust - like Accredited Businesses using the BBB Seal.

Remind prospective customers that while tax credits, rebates, and incentives might be available for solar purchasers who qualify, offers for "free" or "no cost" solar panels are scams.

How the scam works: People posing as solar installers or utility employees call or come to your home and offer free solar panels through made-up government programs or incentives.

And while they promise free or low-cost solar panels, or offer you huge rebates, tax credits, or utility incentives to pay for those solar panels, those are lies. Are solar panels a scam?

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Does the Department of energy offer free solar panels?

The Department of Energy and the Solar Energy Technologies Office have got you covered! The Department of Energy is aware of claims of offers for free solar panels or that solar companies must provide solar panels for free if requested.

Do Americans get free solar panels?

American homeowners might be eligible for federal tax credits for solar installations or state subsidies for solar energy, but not free panels. The U.S. government does not provide free solar panels, said a U.S. Department of Energy spokesperson. The department urges people to report scams to the .

Are free solar panels a good idea?

The Facebook post promising free solar panels links to another site with a disclaimer: "'No Cost' means that you may not be required to put any money down at the time of installation if you qualify. Solar is not free, but it usually saves homeowners thousands of dollars more than the initial investment."

Why should you lease solar panels from a reputable solar company?

Leasing solar panels from a reputable solar company gives you access to solar power without paying substantial upfront equipment costs. With this arrangement, you pay the solar leasing company a fixed monthly fee and receive the benefits of having solar power on tap without ownership of the system.

Should you choose a reputable solar energy company?

When temperatures rise, utility costs do, too. While reputable companies can help you save money with clean or solar energy improvements, scammers offer more than they can deliver.

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### A \$7 Billion US Investment Expands Solar for All: Here Are the

For many existing programs offering free solar panel system installation, if you bring home less than 80% of the median income for your area (dependent on the number of people that live in

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### Solar energy is rising in popularity. So are the scams

It's likely a scam. While there are some government-funded solar programs for households that qualify, "going solar" isn't free. Honest businesses will tell you exactly how much it'll cost to get and install solar ...

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### Are "Free Solar Panels" Really Free? , EnergySage

When companies advertise "free solar panels" or "no-cost solar programs," they're often referring to solar leases or solar PPAs. Under these solar financing arrangements, ...

### The truth about free solar panels in New Jersey

But if you choose a "free solar panel" option like

a lease or a PPA, your solar savings won't be as high as they could be if you paid with cash. When you buy solar panels with cash, there are no ...



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## The Best Solar Companies (2024 Guide): Expert ...

Compare the Best Solar Companies. Based on our methodology, we chose Freedom Solar and Blue Raven as our top two providers due to their solar panel selections, additional service options, and positive ...



## Fact check: Government offers tax credits, not free solar panels

While the government isn't offering free solar panels, it offers a tax credit that can be claimed on federal income taxes for those who use solar power on residential property. The ...



## How to spot an energy scam

If you think you've spotted a scam but haven't yet given over any personal information or money, you can: contact Citizens Advice for support; forward suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) forward suspicious text ...



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## How to avoid getting burned by solar or clean energy ...

These scams start with an unexpected phone call, message on social, or even an in-person visit. The so-called official offers you an "energy audit" to reduce your utility costs. Or they might try to sign you up for a "free" program to make your ...

## How to avoid getting burned by solar or clean energy scams

To protect yourself from clean energy scams: Know that "free" or "no cost" solar panel offers are scams. The federal government does not install solar systems in homes for free. If you're ...



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