

Forme Solar Electric

Homeowner's Reference Guide

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Welcome to Forme Solar!

Thank you for choosing Forme Solar for your solar energy needs. We hope that your experience working with us has been a reflection of our commitment to providing the highest quality products, expert installation, and exceptional service in the solar industry.

We pride ourselves on setting you up for success. This booklet is a cornerstone of that transparency, designed to help you better understand the components of owning a solar energy system from warranties, maintenance, utility billing, to monitoring. Please use the following informational packet to become acquainted with common questions and guidelines. Please feel free to contact us via phone or email for further communication.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you!

Sunny Regards!

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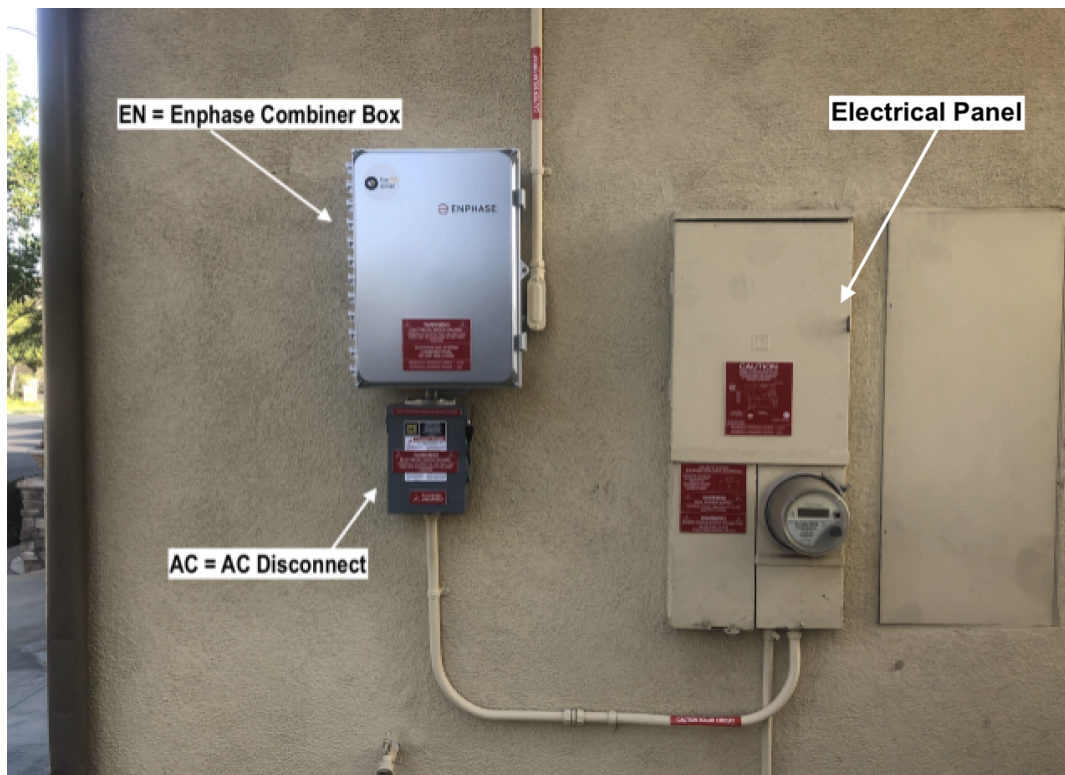


Getting to Know Your System

- Solar PV System Components
- Turning Your System On-and-Off
- Warranty and Insurance
- Maintenance
- Tax Credit Information
- Net Energy Metering
- Converting to TOU



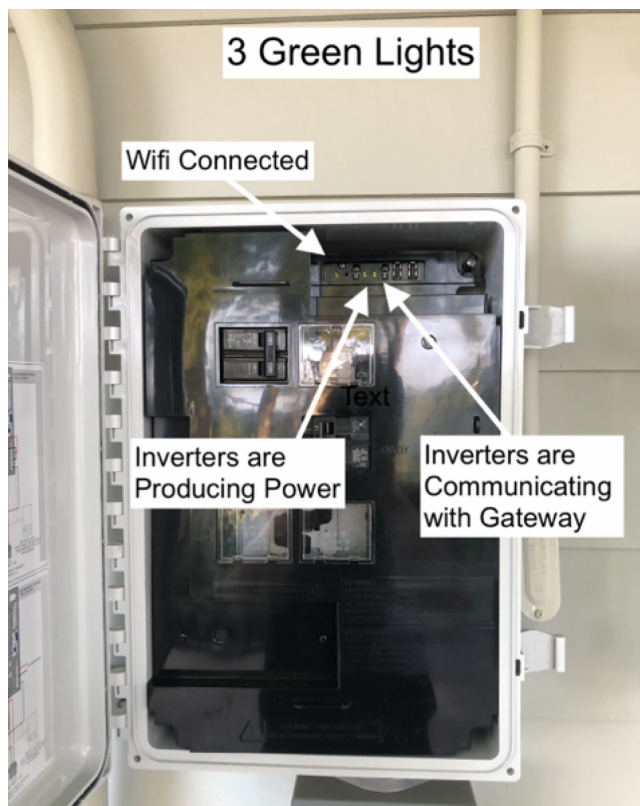
Solar PV System Components





Visual Inspection if Your System is On

1. Check to See if there are 3 Green Lights
2. Verify the AC Disconnect (gray box) should also be in the "ON" Position





Turning Your System On-or-Off

Turning your PV System On

1. Locate your Main Electrical Panel
2. Open the Main Electrical Panel door and locate the breaker labelled, "Solar."
3. Switch the Solar breaker to the "On" position
4. Locate the A/C Disconnect Panel
5. Move the A/C Disconnect lever to the upward/on position
6. Locate the Enphase Combiner box and switch all of the breakers to the "Off" position

Turning your PV System Off

1. Perform the steps above in reverse order



Warranty and Insurance

Warranty

Please keep your product warranty documents and contract in a safe place for future reference.

As a general rule of thumb, panels are warrantied for 25 years by the Manufacturer. Enphase Inverters are warrantied for 25 years by the Manufacturer.

Installation Workmanship Warranty - 25 years from Signed Contract

Performance Issues – Installer

Equipment Issues - Manufacturer

Homeowner's Insurance

Every homeowner's insurance company handles their homeowner's insurance policies differently. We typically find that installing a solar PV system on your home does not increase your homeowner's insurance. But we recommend checking with your insurance agent to ensure that your system is properly covered or if there are any additional costs.



Maintenance

System Maintenance

A solar PV system typically requires very little maintenance and are incredibly durable. If possible, we do recommend getting your panels cleaned once or twice a year. Using your garden hose should be enough to rinse your panels. If you'd like to do a deeper clean, we recommend using a 1-part vinegar, 2-parts water solution every six months to reduce mineral deposits and keep your panels operating at maximum efficiency.

We recommend that any rinsing be done in the early morning while the panels are still cool.



Tax Credit Information

Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credits

Consumers who install solar electric systems from 2021-2022 can receive a 26% tax credit for the net cost of the system when placed in service between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. This tax credit is reduced to reducing to 22% for any system placed in service in 2023.

To receive this tax credit, you will need to file form 5695 available at:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf>

Please consult your tax professional for proper tax filing.

Lease and Solar PPA customers do not own their system and therefore are not eligible for the tax credit.

Property Tax Information

Section 73 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code allows a property tax exclusion for solar PV energy systems installed

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Net Energy Metering

How NEM Works

Utility customers who produce their energy are eligible for a special metering and billing option called, Net Energy Metering (NEM). The NEM schedule allows solar customers to receive a credit for the surplus electricity they supply to the grid. This credit is then applied to customers' bills to offset all or part of the costs associated with the energy they consume. Under this billing option, customers are charged once a year for the "net" energy consumed over the previous 12 months, if any. Customers are also billed monthly for nominal costs associated with account administrative fees.

Your utility provider will read your meter once a month, record the "net" amount of energy either consumed or generated over the entire month.

Your annual energy bill will arrive once a month and will include your net energy usage charges for the entire year. This annual billing period is called your "relevant period" and is an important timeframe to remember. During your relevant period, your net energy usage charges or credits are tracked monthly. At the end of your relevant period, the energy usage charges from each month are added together, and any net energy usage credits are applied to the account. The balance is used to determine the total amount due that will be listed on your annual energy bill.

WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PAY THE NET CHARGES MONTHLY



Converting to Time Of Use Billing (TOU)

Most self-generating customers will benefit by switching to TOU-D-T billing for their electrical utility rates. Please read the TOU-D-T information enclosed in this packet to determine if TOU would be beneficial to your household. It is a decision to make as you look at your usage hours. To switch to TOU-D-T, please use the following information to aid you in doing so:

SCE:

- Have your SCE bill and account information available to reference
- Call SCE at 866.701.7868
- Request your rate schedule to be changed to TOU / DT (On Peak/Off Peak) TOU / DT = Time Of Use Domestic Tiered
- Your 1st TOU DT bill should arrive 30-60 days after the change. Please contact SCE if you do not see the change on your bill

SDG&E:

- Have your SDGE bill and account info available. Call 800.411.7343
- Fill out attached SDG&E Rate Change Request Form and Send in to address on form
- Request your rate schedule to be changed to DR-SES (On Peak/Off Peak) DR-SES = Domestic Rate Time of Use Solar Energy System
- Your 1st DR-SES bill should arrive 30-60 days after the change. Please contact SDG&E if you do not see the change on your bill