



Find and Choose a Solar Installer

Find an Installer

Below are several websites that provide updated lists of solar installers across the state:

- List of Utah Solar Dealers & Installers:
http://geology.utah.gov/sep/renewable_energy/solrdeal.htm
- Find Solar: <http://www.findsolar.com/>
- ReDirect Guide, Salt Lake City:
http://www.redirectguide.com/SaltLakeCity_ParkCity/index.asp
- Utah Solar Energy Association: <http://utsolar.org/index.php/directory/>
- North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Certified Installer Locator: <http://www.nabcep.org/installer-locator-agreement>
- Verify a License with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing:
<https://secure.utah.gov/llv/llv>

Choose an installer

An installer can give a more detailed assessment of your site's solar potential and help you navigate the permitting process. Selecting an experienced, reputable installer is essential to a successful installation. Before you hire a professional installer, make sure to be sure the installer has the proper experience and qualifications. As with any project or investment, getting 2-3 quotes is advisable before making a selection.

Questions to Ask the Installer:

1. What products and services do you offer?
2. How many years have you been in business? Do you specialize in residential or commercial systems?
3. Do you have experience with net metered systems? (only applicable to solar PV)
4. Can you provide a portfolio or a list of recent projects as well as 2-3 references for me to contact?
5. What licenses do you hold in the state of Utah?
6. Are you familiar with local permitting requirements?
7. Are you NABCEP certified?
8. What type of insurance do you carry?
9. Do you have any pending or active judgments against them?

10. What is the warranty on the parts? and labor?
11. What technologies do you install? How do they compare to other technologies? Are they UL Listed with warranties?
12. What happens if I have to repair or replace the roof after the solar panels are installed?
13. How will you mount the solar panels to the roof?
14. What happens if you go out of business before the system warranty expires and something happens to your PV system?
15. What kind of operation and maintenance training do you provide? How do I keep the system clean?
16. Will you be able to help me apply for the available rebates and incentives?

What should your bid include?

- Total cost from start to finish of design and construction.
- Equipment
- Labor
- Permits
- Tax
- City incentive
- State rebate
- Federal tax credit
- Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), if applicable (commercial installations)
- Make and model number of equipment
- Warranty information
- Expected operation and maintenance costs
- Projected monthly, annual, and lifetime costs and savings
- Finance options: cash, loan, lease, or power purchase agreement (commercial installations)