

Is My Home **Solar** Ready?

Use this checklist to find out if your home is a good candidate for rooftop solar—and what steps you can take to get ready.



1. Roof Condition

- My roof has 10-15 years of life left or is in good condition.
- I have enough space for panels (typically 200–400 sq ft).



2. Shade and Sunlight

- My roof gets direct sunlight for most of the day (at least 5–6 hours).
- There are no large trees, chimneys, or other structures shading my roof.
- My roof faces south, east, or west (preferred orientations for solar).



3. Electrical System

- I haven't had frequent electrical issues (like blown fuses).
- I'm willing to have an electrician assess or upgrade my system if needed. **My house does not have one of these electrical panels:** Federal Pacific Electric (FPE), Zinsco (also known as GTE-Sylvania or Sylvania-Zinsco), and Challenge.



4. Energy Efficiency

Before going solar, it helps to reduce your home's energy use:

- I've had a home energy audit or know my energy usage.
- I've sealed air leaks, upgraded insulation, or installed efficient lighting.



5. Stack Your Savings

You may be eligible for programs that help lower the cost of going solar:

- I've looked into [Austin Energy's Home Energy Savings](#).
- I've heard of the [City of Austin Housing programs](#) for home repairs.
- I've looked into Austin Energy's \$2,500 rebate for eligible home solar projects and Value of Solar bill credits.

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