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Should you put solar panels on your roof?

MARY LOUISE KELLY, HOST: Using rooftop solar panels to power a home is great for the environment, but it is not always a good deal for consumers. Keith Romer from our Planet Money program tried to understand why. KEITH ROMER, BYLINE: It's a good pitch. Put solar panels on your roof, and you can lower or maybe even eliminate your electric bills.

Are solar panels producing electricity?

Almost two years later, Krieg says the panels aren't producing electricity, and she's still fighting with the companies involved. "Solar Sandy" is actually Sandra Cordero, a 63-year-old grandmother who says she used to be a nurse. Her business is a sales-only enterprise. Other companies actually install the solar panels she sells.

Should you install solar panels on Your House?

There are a lot of good reasons to install solar panels on your house. If your state generates most of its electricity from fossil fuels, producing your own power from the sun will reduce your contribution to climate change. And solar panels can save money on utility bills. But they aren't for everyone.

Is there a way to sell solar panels?

There's no way. ROMER: Halty says some solar companies incentivize salespeople by letting them overcharge customers and pocket the difference. HALTY: You could sell it for as high as you'd like - as high as the homeowner would say yes to.

Are there unscrupulous characters operating in the solar space?

WIDAWSKY: The fact is that there are some unscrupulous characters operating in the solar space. SIMON: Widawsky says the EPA is helping local governments and communities create lists of reputable solar actors who can get the money to help build trust in solar. The EPA expects the solar program to help over 900,000 households.

Where can I find a good solar installer?

Horowitz's group has a solar help desk where people can get answers to common questions and feedback on solar proposals. SUN also suggests reviewing the list of installers certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

A new Environmental Protection Agency program is giving \$7 billion to programs that fund rooftop solar panels, batteries to store solar energy and something called community solar. David Widawsky at the EPA says community solar allows renters and others who can't install panels to tap into solar energy generated at a shared site, like a solar farm.



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India, on track to become the world's most populous country, gets about 70% of its electricity from coal. But the government is aggressively investing in renewable energy -- particularly solar.

For the first time in the United States, a tribe in Arizona is building a solar farm over an irrigation canal to produce clean energy and save water at a time of unrelenting drought. The Gila River Indian Community has broken ...

Now, Europe aims to make solar power its biggest source of energy by the end of this decade. That would mean tripling the amount of energy generated by solar by 2030. For Germany, it would mean ...

The solar power industry is booming. Customer complaints are also booming - complaints about the part of the industry that installs solar panels on homes. ... NPR transcripts are created on a rush ...

NPR's Ari Shapiro talks with Dan Reicher of Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment about a historic agreement addressing land-use for large scale solar projects.

People who want to put solar panels on their roofs in central Pennsylvania could get a better price if they work together. Solar advocacy nonprofit Solar United Neighbors and partners from Dauphin ...

To make both semiconductors and solar panels, companies need crucibles and other equipment that both can withstand extraordinarily high heat and be kept absolutely clean. One material fits the ...

Elizabeth Ebinger in Maplewood, N.J., bought her solar panels, while neighbor Tim Roebuck signed a 20-year lease. Both are happy with the approach they took, and both are saving money on energy bills.

The program relies on 519 solar panels installed on the roof of one of the hospital's office buildings. Half of the energy generated by the panels helps power the medical center.

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Powering your home with rooftop solar panels is great for the planet but isn't always a good deal for consumers. One of the problems might be with the way the industry was built in the first place. ... NPR transcripts are created on a rush deadline by an NPR contractor. This text may not be in its final form and may be updated or revised in the ...

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Solar farms generate resistance from neighbors worried about changing the agricultural landscape. So a team in Iowa is working on a way to grow food and harvest solar power on the same acreage.



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PHILADELPHIA -- The solar power industry is booming and that growth helps the world meet its climate goals by replacing fossil fuels. But an emerging problem in the U.S. solar business that installs panels on homes risks slowing the effort to cut the country's emissions. ... Brady helped establish NPR's environment and energy collaborative ...

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Statistics from solar marketing firm EnergySage show that for the last half of 2023, fees for the most popular loan averaged 47% of the cost of a rooftop solar panel installation. That can add thousands of dollars to the cost of a solar panel system. "We never had a dealer fee that high. That would have made me sick," says Gold-Markel.

For the first time in the United States, a tribe in Arizona is building a solar farm over an irrigation canal to produce clean energy and save water at a time of unrelenting drought. The Gila River Indian Community has broken ground on a project to put solar panels over nearly 3,000 feet of the Casa Blanca canal south of Phoenix.

Installing solar panels on a house to produce electricity is expensive. Leasing is one popular alternative, but some homeowners are learning that 20-year contracts can complicate a home sale.

For all of Stuytown's 9,000-odd solar panels, solar will still only supply about 6% of the energy for the apartment complex. RAFIEYAN: Still, economist Ben Ho says, now that economics is on its ...

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