

Solar Panels

This information is provided as a general guide only and may not be relevant to your specific circumstances. We encourage you to speak with Council's City Planning team about your specific requirements. You can access free advice from a Council Planning Officer by phoning 8203 7185.

Who should read this guide?

Anyone who is considering installing solar panels.

Will you need approval?

Development approval will be required if the total weight of the solar panels exceeds 100 kg unless:

- the weight of the panels is distributed so that it does not exceed 100 kg at any one point of attachment to the roof

AND

- the panels, and any of its associated components, do not overhang any part of the roof

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- the panels are fitted parallel to the roof with their underside surface located no more than 100 mm above the surface of the roof.

The solar system must also be installed by an installer accredited by the State Government.

Heritage Places

In the case of a Local Heritage Place, approval is not required if the solar system satisfies all of the above criteria as well as being positioned so as to not be visible to any person standing at ground level in any public street. If the panels will be visible from a public street or if the property is state heritage listed, a development approval is required.

Rebates and Grants

Council provides financial support for the installation of solar panels through its Sustainable City Incentive Scheme. The support applies to solar systems (and rainwater tanks) installed on a property within the city and is available to city residents, residential property owners, sporting clubs and community groups.

Full details of the scheme and the eligibility criteria can be found on Council's website at: www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/environment/incentives or by calling Council on 8203 7203, between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Adelaide Solar City Program - This program provides discounted solar and energy products to Adelaide, Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully and Playford communities. For more information please see: www.adelaidesolarcity.com.au

Development Approval

If you wish to install solar panels that do require development approval from Council then you must submit a development application.

The following information will be required:

- ☐ Completed Development Application Form
- ☐ Application Fees (Council will send you an invoice)
- ☐ Signed Powerlines Declaration Form

☐ Site Plan

- Minimum scale 1:200 (1:100 preferred)
- Approximate north point
- Boundaries of the site
- Location of the existing structures showing the location of the solar panels

☐ Elevation Plan

- Elevation of the dwelling/structure showing the location of the solar panels

☐ Solar Panel Dimensions

- Plan showing overall dimensions and spacing

☐ Building Information

- Engineering details, specifications and calculation for tilted array frames
- Engineering certifications of the structural adequacy of the existing roof frame to take the additional wind loads imposed by the tilted array frames and attached solar panels
- Nominal fixings and specific tie-down fixings for tilted array frames
- Copy of Building Indemnity Insurance (work > \$12 000)
- Copy of Construction Industry Training Levy Form (CITB) if work > \$15 000

Further Information

For further information or to discuss your specific requirements, please contact Adelaide City Council's City Planning team on 8203 7185.