



# Dismantling plan for scrapped photovoltaic panels

How do I dispose of solar panels?

Homeowners with solar panels on their houses should contact their state/local recycling agencies for more information on disposal/recycling. Federal solid and hazardous waste regulations (i.e., the RCRA requirements) apply to solar panels when they are discarded.

Should we reclaim solar panels through the decommissioning phase?

The fact remains the solar industry is skyrocketing in growth, despite any short-term logistical or policy setbacks. As such, the need to process and reclaim solar panels through the decommissioning phase is a high priority for getting ahead of a huge waste wave.

What are the recycling procedures for solar panels?

Klugmann-Radziemska (2011) discussed the reuse of the solar panels and the impact on the economy in PV recycling industry. However, the recycling procedures are different based on PV module types such as c-Si, Thin film and CdTe. The recycling procedures such as mechanical, thermal, chemical treatment involved in any PV recycling.

What happens if a solar panel is thrown away?

Additionally, solar panels that are carelessly thrown away can end up in large landfills (as most of them do currently due to the solar panel recycling process' infancy). By recycling solar panels, we can keep harmful materials out of landfills and the environment.

What happens if you don't recycle solar panels?

Heavy metals in solar cells, like cadmium and lead, can become hazardous waste if not recycled or disposed of properly. Additionally, solar panels that are carelessly thrown away can end up in large landfills (as most of them do currently due to the solar panel recycling process' infancy).

What happens if a solar panel is discarded?

Federal solid and hazardous waste regulations (i.e., the RCRA requirements) apply to solar panels when they are discarded. When a solar panel reaches the end of its usable life or is otherwise discarded, it becomes solid waste. Solid waste is regulated federally under RCRA Subtitle D and through state and local government programs.

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