

# Is it illegal to sell waste photovoltaic panels

Can hazardous waste solar panels be recycled?

Hazardous waste solar panels that are recycled may be able to use regulatory exclusions available under RCRA,including the transfer-based exclusion (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 261.4 (a) (24)) in states that have adopted the 2015 or 2018 Definition of Solid Waste Rule.

Is installing solar panels illegal in any state?

Technically,no state outlaws or bans solar panels; quite the opposite. Most states have solar access laws that forbid any agreement,covenant,condition,bylaw,or contract that outlaws or limits solar installations by Homeowners Associations (HOA) or other municipal bodies.

## Can solar panels be recycled?

Can solar panels be recycled using the transfer-based exclusion found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 261.4 (a) (24)? Can solar panels be managed as a universal waste? Solar panels are not a federal universal waste and generally cannot be managed as universal waste.

Are solar panels a hazardous waste under RCRA?

If these metals are present in high enough quantities in the solar panels, solar panel waste could be a hazardous waste under RCRA. Some solar panels are considered hazardous waste, and some are not, even within the same model and manufacturer.

#### Will EPA add solar panels to Universal Waste Regulations?

On October 23,2023,EPA announced a new rulemaking effort to improve the recycling and management of end-of-life solar panels and lithium batteries. EPA is developing a proposed ruleto add solar panels to the universal waste regulations and to add tailored universal waste standards for lithium batteries.

## 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.



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