



My neighbor's photovoltaic panels block the sunlight from my house

Can solar panels affect a neighbor's property?

In one well-publicized example, the mirrored convex surface of a London skyscraper concentrated sunlight into a "death ray" that melted the interior of a nearby parked Jaguar. A dearth of case law exists in California as to allowable levels of heat, light, glare and inconvenience that may be directed by PV panels to a neighbor's property.

Can you sue a neighbor if a solar system is shaded?

California's Solar Shade Control Act also allows homeowners to seek court action against a neighbor whose trees or shrubs shade 10% or more of a previously installed solar system. Should You Get a Solar Easement?

Can a neighbor put solar panels on a front facing roof?

What ever go around comes around. You are in a HOA community so am I. That is why none of my neighbors putting solar panels on front facing roof regardless. The glare can also coming from your side roofs. Since you ask, it is all about courtesy and try to accommodating to your neighbor. Last edited by silversaver; 08-29-2016, 02:24 PM .

Do solar panels need direct sunlight?

Direct sunlight is vital to solar panels functioning at peak performance. It can cost owners big money if they can't generate the best possible result from installing solar power. The laws that could cover sunlight and solar panels come under local planning laws for overshadowing, the blocking of direct sunlight by buildings and trees.

Are solar panels covered by local planning laws?

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Is glare from a neighbor's solar array a nuisance?

In spite of CA being in the forefront of residential solar utilization, there seems to be not much guidance or case law as it applies specifically to glare from a neighbor's solar array as it may/may not constitute a nuisance. Your situation viv-a-vis your neighbor may indeed wind up in court.

The panels' photovoltaic surface is very similar to a mirror, as it reflects sunlight. Depending on how your panels have been positioned, this glare can end up reflected right into your neighbor's bedroom window. But, the good ...

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