



# Photovoltaic panel line removal precautions

What should I do before pulling the plug on my solar panel?

The first step you to take before pulling the plug on your solar panel wiring is to disconnect the circuit breakers and switches. This will ensure that the current flowing from the solar generator system is stopped. Disconnecting the switches and circuit breakers will also protect you from getting electrocuted.

Should you remove solar panels when not generating power?

Cover the Solar Panel: Even though you should disconnect solar panels at hours when they are not generating power, you should always try to cover them with opaque cloths before removing them. Doing this will ensure no solar generation, making it safer to disconnect the modules.

How to safely disconnect solar panels?

Cover the panel and disconnect the battery cables. Check the panel voltage as detailed above, then remove the panel leads from the charge controller. Now the solar panels are fully disconnected and out of the circuit. Safely disconnecting solar panels is one thing.

Can You disconnect solar panels before leaving an inverter?

Although solar system outputs prior to leaving an inverter are low voltage, caution and safety are still paramount. Before attempting to disconnect the solar panels, isolate all AC or DC disconnect switches or fuses in the circuit. Try to make the disconnection at dusk, if at all possible when the panel output is low.

What happens if a solar panel is left in situ?

Disconnected solar panels left in situ on the roof of an RV or house PV system are still live. They may not be feeding power to the rest of the solar system, but they are still generating power. The same applies to a portable solar system. Having no load on the panels, i.e. nowhere for that power to go, is not a healthy situation.

When should I Disconnect my solar panels?

Pick the correct hour: When disconnecting solar panels, the hour you do it is essential. Solar panels cannot be just "shut off", which is why we recommend disconnecting them early in the evening or before the sun rises in the morning. Disconnect the load: Finally, make sure there is no DC or AC load connected to the solar panels.

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