



# Tax on sales of solar power generation equipment

Are solar panels exempt from sales tax?

Many states have either a solar or wind exemption, which provides that equipment used for electricity generation by either solar or wind be exempt from sales tax. Florida, for example, provides an exemption for solar energy systems, and New York provides a specific sales and use tax exemption for solar modules and panels.

Does Washington have a sales tax exemption for solar energy?

Washington also provides a sales tax exemption for solar energy system machinery and equipment under specific criteria. States generally treat electricity as tangible personal property for sales tax purposes and thus may provide for manufacturing exemptions.

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Are electricity sales taxable?

The two largest revenue streams from producing electricity through renewable sources are electricity sales and renewable energy certificates (REC). The sale of electricity is typically taxable except in states with exemptions. An exemption taxpayers should examine is whether electricity is at retail or for resale.

Can I get a tax credit for solar energy?

There are two tax credits available for businesses and other entities like nonprofits and local and tribal governments that purchase solar energy systems (see the Homeowner's Guide to the Federal Tax Credit for Solar Photovoltaics for information for individuals):

How will state taxes affect renewable generating companies?

This increase in renewable generating companies will have state tax implications. "States may impose several taxes on renewable generation companies, including income tax, franchise tax, capital stock tax, gross receipts tax, property taxes and sales and use taxes," Wade and Herzberg wrote.

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