

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do my electricity rates keep going up?

In Southern California, Edison lost the cheapest form of energy, the San Onofre nuclear plant which was closed down and decommissioned. Edison matter-of-factly placed an ad in the Los Angeles Times stating that they would be passing on all costs to their customers and not taking the hit themselves. Edison has 20+ CEOs making over \$1 million each. They guarantee their investors a 7% profit every quarter. So as costs go up for gas and infrastructure, they're always passing that onto the customer.

What's the maintenance cost of solar?

Solar has virtually no maintenance costs. There's no moving parts. There's no wear and tear so there's nothing for you to maintain though you might want to rinse off your panels every so often. If we notice that you're not getting the production that you're supposed to get, we'll come over and either replace your panel or we'll clean them ourselves.

If solar's so great, why haven't more people already switched?

Just like with any new technology, there's a fear of change. Besides that, there's an aesthetic issue where people are so used to seeing a regular neighborhood with regular roofs that this new fan-dangled technology is ugly and just doesn't go with the look of the house. Besides that, it's just a matter of education. People are afraid of what they don't understand.

How much can solar save me?

Typically, it's 30-50% lower than what you're paying with your current utility bill. It also has a stabilizing affect, giving you a fixed cost of electricity verses the utility that you never know what you're going to be paying from one month to the next.

Do I qualify for solar?

More and more people are now qualifying for solar because of the Hero program. It's not about your credit score or your income anymore. You just have to be a homeowner who wants solar and you'll probably be able to get it.

What if there's not enough space on my roof?

If your roof is chopped up, if it's covered in shade, if you don't have the right roof material, 80% of the solar installation companies out there will say, "You don't qualify." Well, at Robertson Solar, you do qualify because we specialize in putting up solar anywhere. We'll put in on the ground, build it over your parking area or on the patio cover. In addition to solar, we're a fully licensed construction company. If you want solar, you'll get solar.