

# Latest policy on dismantling photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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This document is intended to equip local governments with the knowledge for decommissioning renewable energy projects such as, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, including a discussion on other options at the end of a renewable project's useful life, including repowering and.

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## A Guide to Decommissioning Solar Panels

Planning and Preparation: Develop a detailed solar decommissioning plan that outlines the scope, timeline, and procedures for solar panel dismantling and related infrastructure.



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Background  
Are Solar Panels Hazardous Waste?  
Overview of Hazardous Waste Regulations  
State Solar Panel End-Of Life Policies  
Additional Resources  
Hazardous waste testing on solar panels in the marketplace has indicated that different varieties of solar panels have different metals present in the semiconductor and solder. Some of these metals, like lead and cadmium, are harmful to human health and the environment at high levels. If these metals are present in high enough quantities in the sol See more on epa.gov  
Department of Energy



## **End-of-Life Management for Solar Photovoltaics - Department of Energy**

SETO's Photovoltaics End-of-Life Action Plan outlines a five-year strategy to establish safe, responsible, and economic end-of-life practices.

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