

# How to Clean Your Solar Panels

Over time, your solar panels may get dirty and not perform as well as they can. Panels may accumulate dust, pollen and other particulate matter. That's why it's important to keep your solar array clean so it will produce maximum power.

We recommend cleaning your panels twice yearly, unless you live in an area that is especially dusty, when it should be done more frequently, as needed.

Remember to clean your panels carefully, as scratched or damaged panels are **NOT** covered under warranty.

## Cleaning Process

It is important to clean the panels in the morning or evening hours when the array is not in full sun and the panel surfaces are cool. If water hits a panel that is too warm it may shatter the glass. This can be a costly mistake, and is NOT covered under warranty.

## Cleaning Tools

Usually, only a hose and water are needed to rinse off dust. Occasionally, you will need to give the panels a good scrub. It is best to use a soft bristled brush or soft mop. Do not use any material that will scratch the panel surface.

## Cleaning Products

Normally, only water is necessary to clean your array. If you decide to use a cleanser, use a mild, non-toxic product. Do not use abrasive cleansers, which may scratch the panel surface.

**BE CAREFUL** when cleaning your panels: **WALKING ON A ROOF IS DANGEROUS**. Take precaution against slipping and falling. We recommend fall protection.

If you'd like to have your panels cleaned professionally, please contact us for a referral.

To see a video of this process, go to:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS4BvbmTIfU&feature=related>



  
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