

The impact of solar power generation on neighbors



Overview

Research published in the journal *Frontiers — Sustainable Energy Policy* finds that 82% of people who live within an hour's walk (about 3 miles) of large scale solar installations find they make good neighbors. The EIA reports over 2,500 utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities in the US, with ongoing government incentives leading to the construction of more plants. Solar farms are increasingly popular, but potential residents may not fully grasp the associated health risks. For example, if solar energy systems installed on your property are adversely impacting your neighbors, several steps can be taken to address the issue efficiently and amicably. This fact sheet explores what it is like to live near a solar project. Unlike other forms of electricity generation, operating solar facilities do not produce noise. Scientists surveyed communities across the US living within three miles — about an hour's walk — of solar energy and found that 82% of local residents would support or are neutral towards more solar energy plants in their local area.

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What Are The Problems With Living Next To Solar Farms

Concerns about living near solar farms include possible health risks, habitat degradation, visual impacts, and potential decreases in property value. However, studies, such as those by Dr.

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Solar Installations Make Good Neighbors

"Most neighbors of existing large scale solar projects either support or feel neutral about additional projects in or near their communities, with only 18% opposing it," said Sarah Mills of the



Solar as a Neighbor: Living Near a Solar Project

As of 2021, there are more than 3,500 utility-scale solar projects in the United States. Millions of Americans - from California to Texas to New Hampshire - live near large solar projects. If a new ...

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What is a Safe Distance to Live from a Solar Farm?

Are you wondering what is a safe distance to live from a solar farm? It's a common question, and we're going to answer it in the following blog post.



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Good fences make good neighbors: Stakeholder perspectives on the ...

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Applications



Yes, in my back yard: people who live near large-scale solar projects

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Large-Scale Solar: Addressing Community Concerns

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