

# 10 STEPS TO SOLAR

1. **SITE EVALUATION** - Our technician will contact you to schedule a visit to your home for the purpose of collecting data from which your solar plans will be drawn. Measurements and details of your roof, your attic, your electrical systems and other relevant information will be collected and turned over to our construction design team.
2. **SYSTEM DESIGN** - Using the site evaluation data, our design team will create the construction drawings that define the scope of work and the materials used. This can take 5-10 business days depending on the complexity of the job. Once the plans are complete we will submit them to you for your 'online' signature.
3. **PAPER CHASE** - Using your signed plans, our city/county permitting and utility interconnection specialist will file the necessary applications with your local permitting office and electric utility. This can take several weeks and is highly dependent on the specific application process followed by your local permitting office and the utility. For some utilities, we can proceed with construction while the utility interconnection paperwork is still in process.

**HOA APPROVAL (if required)** - If you have an HOA, please notify us and provide us with a copy of the HOA regulations. Each HOA is different and we will coordinate with you to navigate the specific requirements of your HOA.

**FUNDING FINALIZED (if required)** - If you have a financing plan that requires your signature prior to the release of materials, this will need to be completed prior to materials being ordered.

4. **MATERIALS ORDERED** - After completing the paper chase, we will order the materials.
5. **INSTALLATION** - After we verify your material order is complete, we will schedule and install your system which will take 1-4 days depending on size and complexity.
6. **FINAL INSPECTION** - After installation, we will schedule a final inspection with the local permitting authority. Depending on the authority, it may take 1 day to 2 weeks to schedule an inspection. The inspection itself typically takes less than an hour but can be up to two hours and you will need to be home to allow the inspector access to the attic and electrical equipment.
7. **PAYMENT** - Payment is due upon passing final inspection
8. **UTILITY INTERCONNECTION** - The inspector is responsible for notifying the electric utility that the job has passed inspection which authorizes the utility to install or change the meter and issue the customer a Permission To Operate (PTO) notice. Depending on the utility and their handling of the interconnection application, this could take a few days to a few weeks and you cannot turn your system on until the utility installs the right meter and confirms PTO.
9. **TURN THE SOLAR SYSTEM ON** - After you receive PTO from your utility, you can turn your system on. For standard systems this simply requires you pushing the lever on the 'AC Disconnect' to the 'ON' position.
10. **ONLINE MONITORING** - After your system is on and has communicated enough data via the internet, you will receive an email from the inverter manufacturer's monitoring system requesting that you set up an account for online monitoring.