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The Homeowner's Solar Savings & Tax Credit Guide

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Understanding Your Savings Potential

Factors that affect your real savings

- ☐ Your current average monthly electric bill
- ☐ Your roof's sun exposure and shading
- ☐ Local electricity rates in your area
- ☐ Your utility's net metering policy

Before you get quotes

- ☐ Pull 12 months of electric bills to see your real usage pattern
- ☐ Note any roof obstructions: chimneys, vents, large trees
- ☐ Check if your roof will need work before installation
- ☐ Decide if you're open to battery storage too

The Federal Solar Tax Credit, Simply

How it works

- ☐ It's a credit against federal taxes owed, not a rebate check
- ☐ It generally applies to system and installation cost
- ☐ Battery storage may qualify in many cases
- ☐ Consult a tax professional for your specific situation

Don't assume — verify

- ☐ Credit percentages have changed over time — confirm the current rate
- ☐ State and utility incentives can stack on top of the federal credit
- ☐ Eligibility can depend on how you finance the system (own vs. lease)

Net Metering & Questions for Installers

Net metering basics

- ☐ It determines your credit for excess power sent to the grid
- ☐ Rules vary significantly by state and utility
- ☐ Full retail credit vs. reduced wholesale rate makes a big difference
- ☐ Check your state public utilities commission for current rules

Questions to ask any installer

- ☐ What size system do you recommend and why?
- ☐ What's the estimated payback period for my specific home?
- ☐ What warranty covers the panels, inverter, and workmanship?
- ☐ Are you licensed and insured in this state?

Ready to see real numbers for your home?

Run your numbers through our free calculator at solarinstallers.id and compare quotes from vetted local solar installers — free, no obligation.

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