

SOWING THE SEEDS OF YOUR SOLAR FUTURE: 4 SEEDS TO SOW NOW, FOR SOLAR LATER

Perhaps you've considered the switch to solar, but you're wondering how well solar will cover your home's energy needs, what a solar energy system will cost, and how this investment will pay off. Maybe you're wondering what can be done now, so you are better prepared to go solar, later.

Solar is a lot like gardening. Namely: there are some specific, helpful steps to be taken now to better prepare your home or business to reap the benefit of going solar in the future. We think of these as seeds that need to be sown well, for best results.

Here are 4 seeds you can sow now, as you plan to reap the benefit of solar, later.



Seed #1: Look In To That Hole In Your Pocket

Review your 12 months history with PG&E: what are you paying each month, and what is the average for the past 12 months? Consider specific changes you're planning that could impact your energy usage.

Seed #2: Think Bigger

If there are multiple residences on one property, especially if there is a shared electrical bill, consider the electrical needs of your whole property. Instead of paying PG&E, tenants or co-owners could be helping to pay off a solar energy system to power the property well in to the future.

Seed #3: Consider Your Options.

When planning your garden, it's important to carefully consider what it is you want to reap. Want pumpkins in the fall? Well, you're going to need pumpkin seeds. The same goes for solar. These days, solar offers options. On-grid, off-grid, ground-mounted, roof-mounted, solar water pumping... doing your homework now can assure a better result.

Seed #4: Work The Numbers

Check your FICO credit score and consider a variety of financing options, including solar leases and PACE funding. Learn about the 30% federal tax credit that is expiring soon. Remember, even if your use does not increase, PG&E bills increase on average about 6% every year. If you go solar, instead of paying more and more to PG&E, you could be investing this money by purchasing a solar energy system that will increase the value of your home.

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