

Summerfield Civic Association

Solar Panel Guidelines

Manufactured solar panels may be approved if they are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation and meet all requirements of the City of Tigard building code. A Change Request Form must also be submitted to the Architecture Committee for review and approval prior to any installation work.

The homeowner should consider the following guidelines that will affect various aspects of a solar panel installation:

1. Age and condition of roof.
2. Orientation of roof (north, south, etc.).
3. Impact on neighbors. Solar rooftop devices should be visually integrated with the architecture of the house regarding style, location, size and color. The installation of such devices should eliminate or minimize visibility from the street. Please consult with your neighbors before submitting the Architectural Change Request Form and before any work is started.
4. Are city permits required?
5. Payback considerations. Is it cost effective? Or, is the decision an environmental payback? Are there any Energy Trust Tax credits?
6. If cables or wires will be used, the homeowner must ask the installer to conceal these cables and/or wires as best as possible to avoid drooping or highly visible cables.
7. Prior to starting the installation, it is suggested that you use the services of the Architectural Committee Representative to provide additional input that may be needed before the installation begins.

These considerations and more are the responsibility of the homeowner to insure that the installation is a viable and prudent project.

The major goal of the Architectural Committee is to keep Summerfield looking beautiful. We appreciate your cooperation.

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