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Batteries: Options and implementation for a building's energy storage system

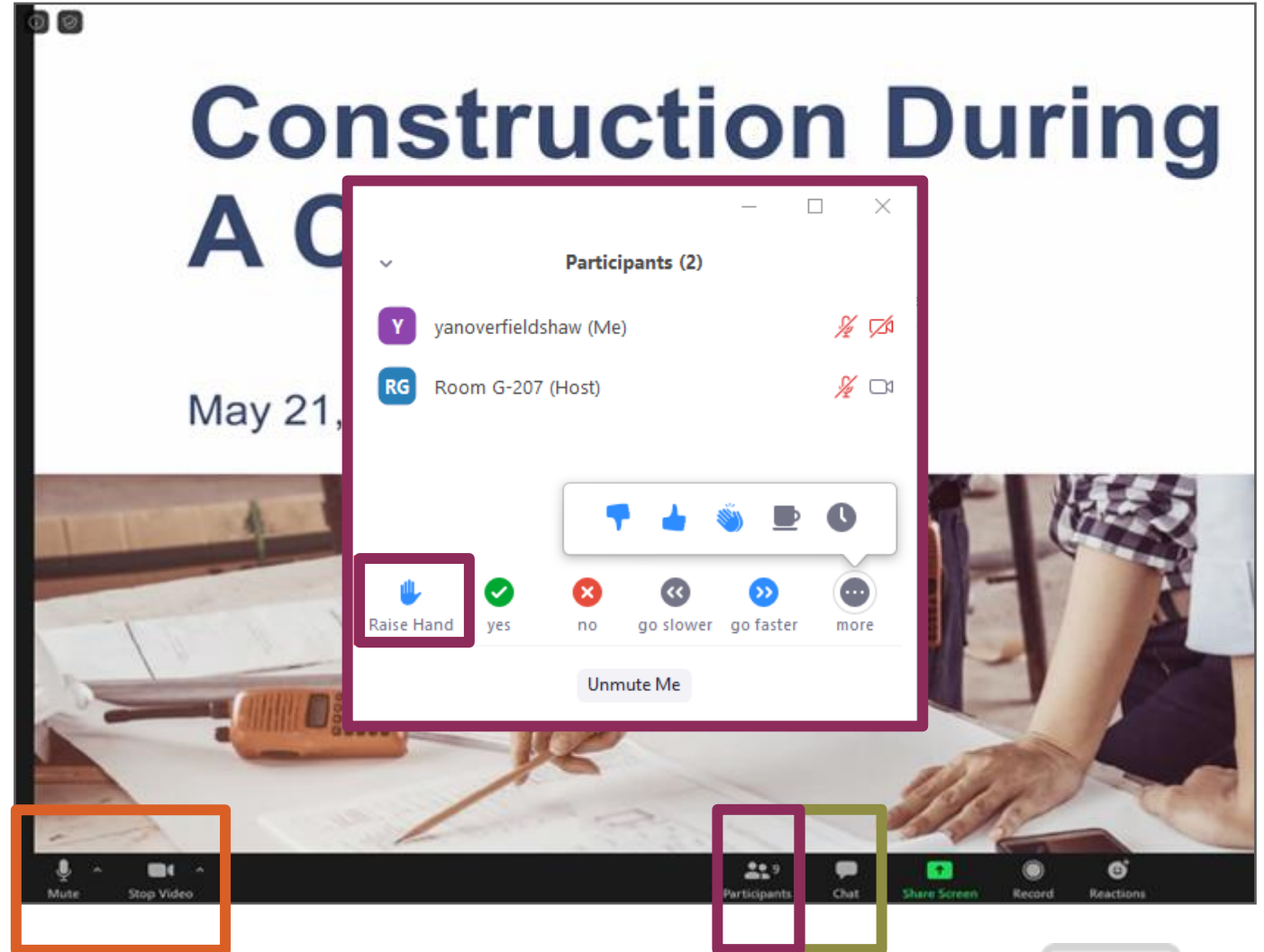
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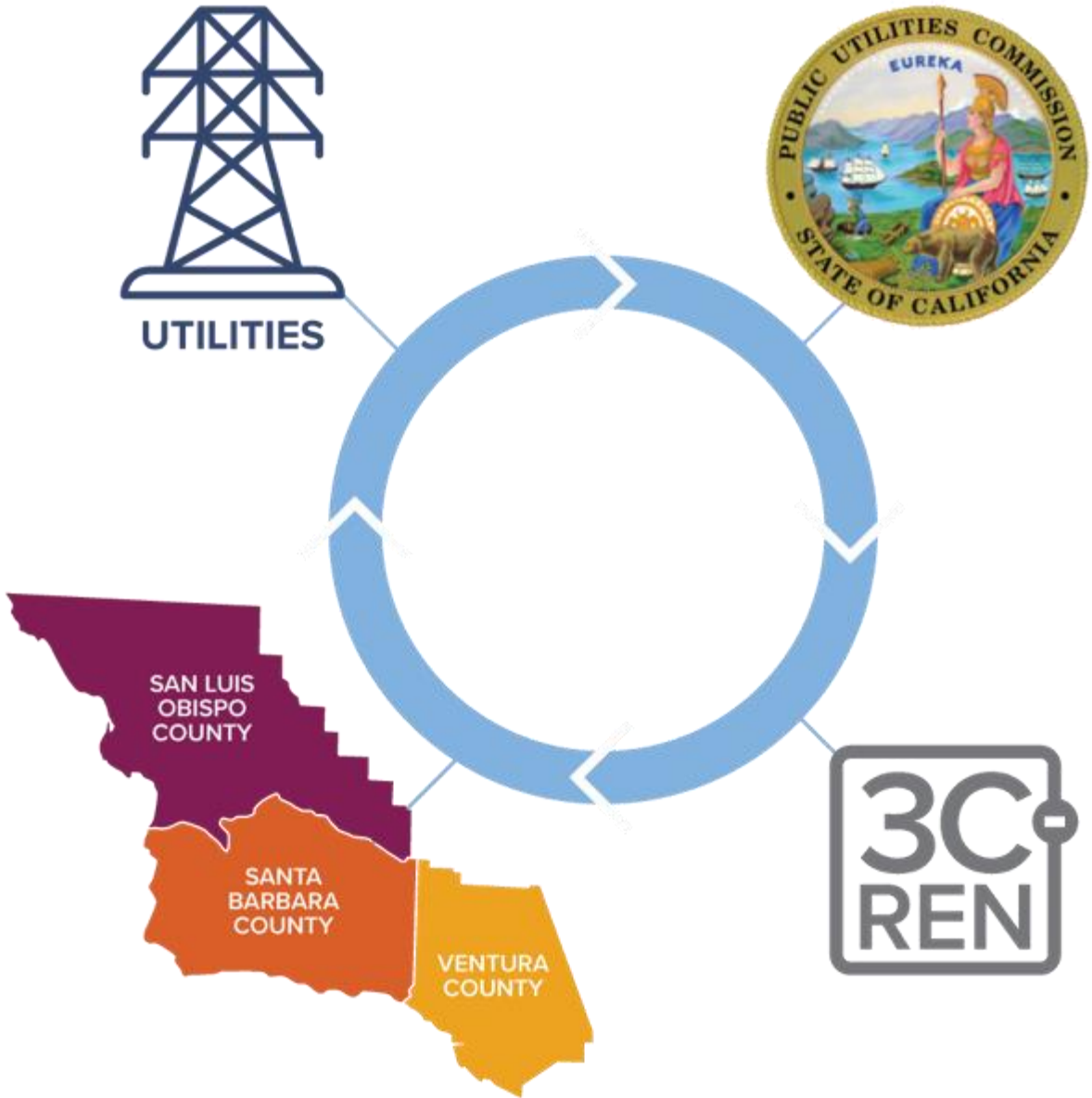
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Tri-County Regional Energy Network

3C-REN is a collaboration between the tri-counties

Our programs reduce energy use for a more sustainable, equitable and economically vibrant Central Coast

Our free services are funded via the CPUC, bringing ratepayer dollars back to the region



Our Services

Incentives



HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

3c-ren.org/for-residents
3c-ren.org/multifamily



COMMERCIAL ENERGY SAVINGS

3c-ren.org/commercial

Contractors can enroll at
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Training



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Technical Assistance



AGRICULTURE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

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3C-REN Achievements



4,000+

Individuals Attended
Training



1,374

Energy-Saving
Projects Completed



334

Title 24/CalGreen
Questions Answered



\$155M

Secured for investment
in the tri-county region
through 2028

Data from 2019-2023 for three programs



Learning Objectives

- Understand different battery types and their applications for buildings
- Know the process for sizing batteries and when they are required
- Review cost implications for battery use when paired with on-site renewable energy
- Understand practical integration of batteries into project design and construction

Learning Units

- 1.5 AIA LUs approved for this course
- 0.15 ICC CEUs approved for this course



Agenda

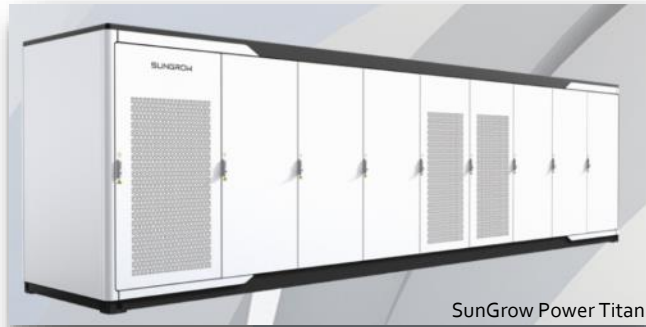
1. Battery Energy Storage
2. Residential Single Family
3. Nonresidential and High-Rise Residential



Battery Energy Storage (and Solar PV)



Battery – Energy Storage Systems (BESS) (ESS)



SunGrow Power Titan



<https://primuspower.com/en/energy-storage/>

Batteries for Grid Scale Applications Must Last Decades and Deliver Long Duration Energy Discharge On-Demand

Utility Scale –Grid Stabilization and In Front of the Meter Micro-grids



Commercial and Industrial



Multifamily and Non-Res and Behind the Meter Micro-grids

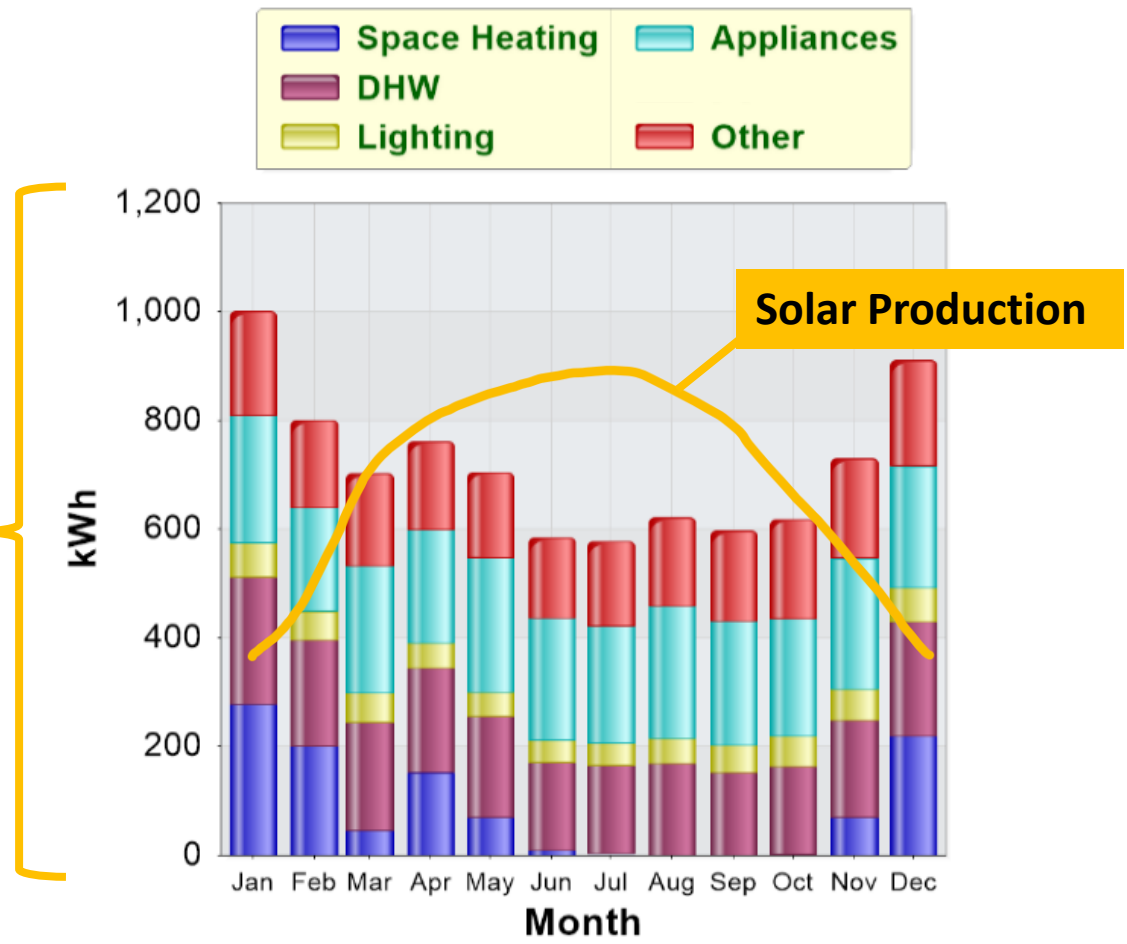


Private Homes



The Electric Grid was the Seasonal 'Battery' for Solar PV...

Predicted Electricity Energy-Use in Kilo-Watt Hours (kWh) per Month



Grid-Tied solar systems were designed to use the 'Grid' as a seasonal battery.



...now, the Grid Needs a Battery

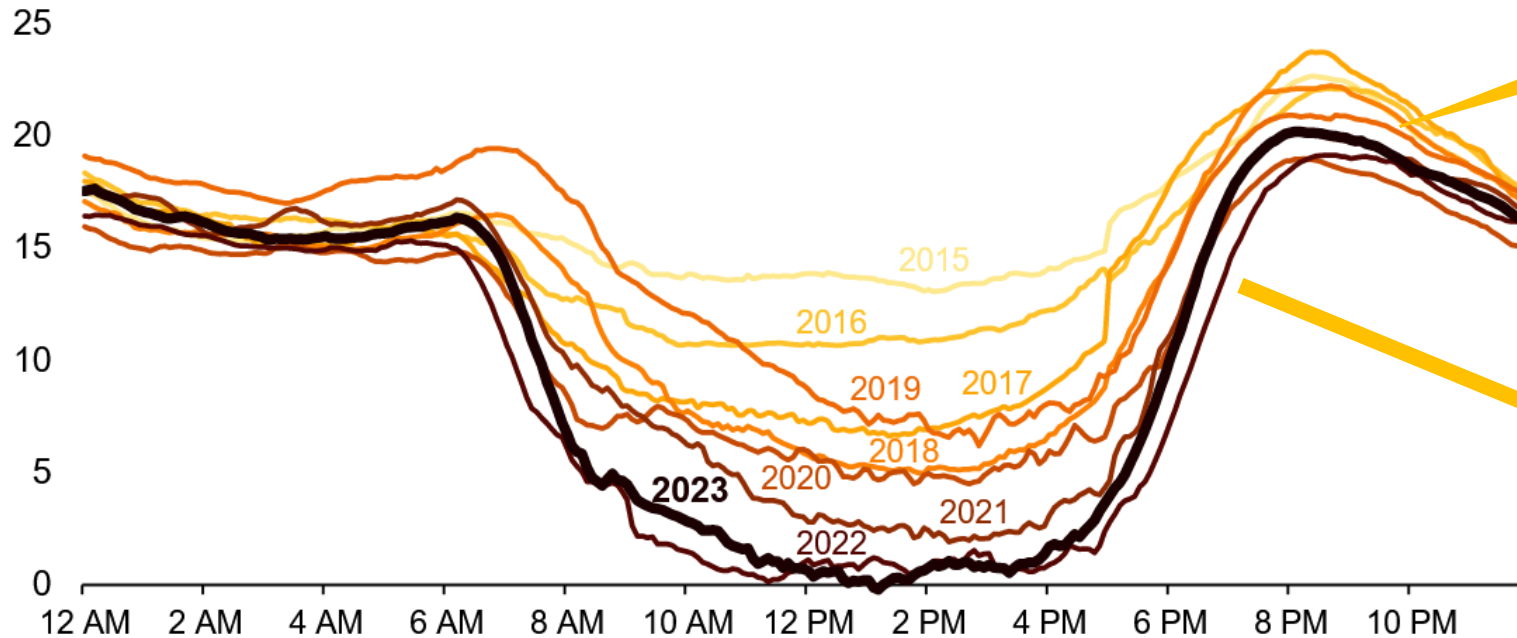
A look at the daily swing of net energy demand

JUNE 21, 2023

As solar capacity grows, duck curves are getting deeper in California

California's duck curve is getting deeper

CAISO lowest net load day each spring (March–May, 2015–2023), gigawatts



ESS will help California flatten the bottom of the duck curve and provide stored energy in the evenings when most needed.

As solar energy production drops off, household energy use steeply ramps up.

Data source: California Independent System Operator (CAISO)

<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy>



Peak Loads –Daily Load Shifting and Grid Relief

Resiliency and Load Shifting (Single Fam and all Occupancies)

- Load Shifting –Use battery when electric rates are highest cost
- Resiliency –Use battery when electric power goes out
- Grid Stability –Distributed Resources and Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Battery Programs through the Electric Utility or Battery Provider/Brand Partner
- Self Utilization –Store excess on-site Solar Energy for later use

Code Requirement (High-Rise Multifamily and Non-Res)

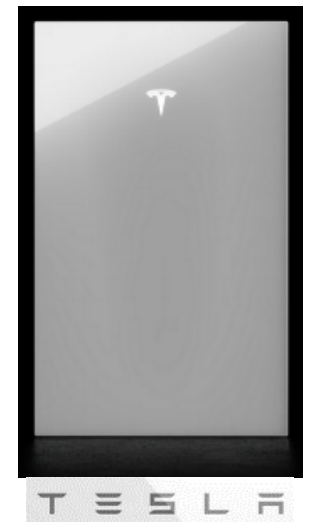
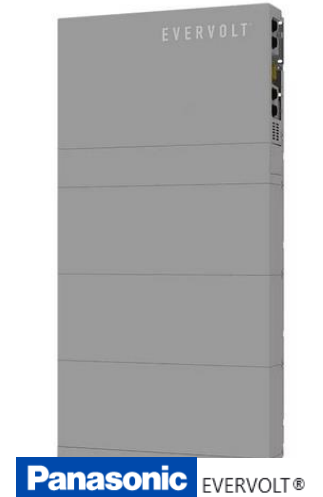
- Multifamily 4 Stories or Greater
- Commercial Occupancies
- Only Required if a PV System is Triggered
 - Grid Tied
 - Minimum Size Threshold – Exemptions



Residential Single Family (and Small Commercial Scale Projects)

Home Battery Systems – Large Market

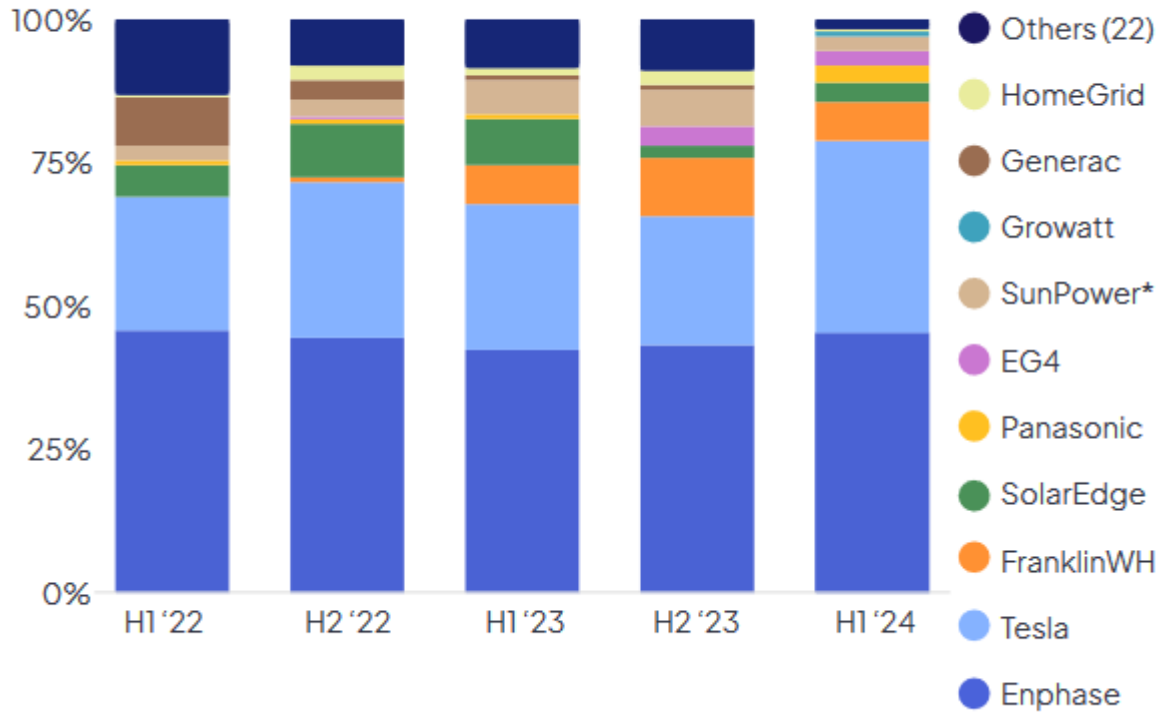
Some popular examples, but there are many others coming to market every day:



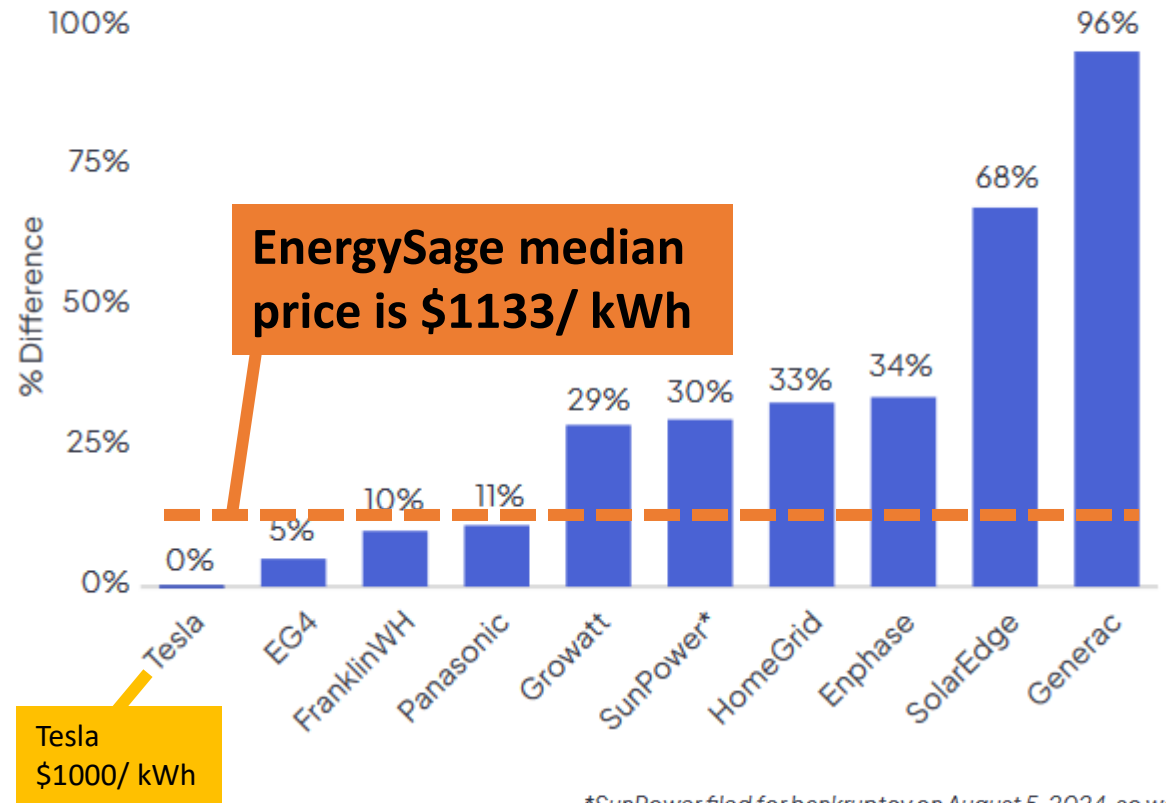
Market Share – Excerpt from EnergySage Data Set

www.energysage.com

STORAGE MARKETPLACE SHARE BY HALF YEAR



PERCENT DIFFERENCE FROM LEAST EXPENSIVE OPTION



*SunPower filed for bankruptcy on August 5, 2024, so we expect this to be the last report including its products.

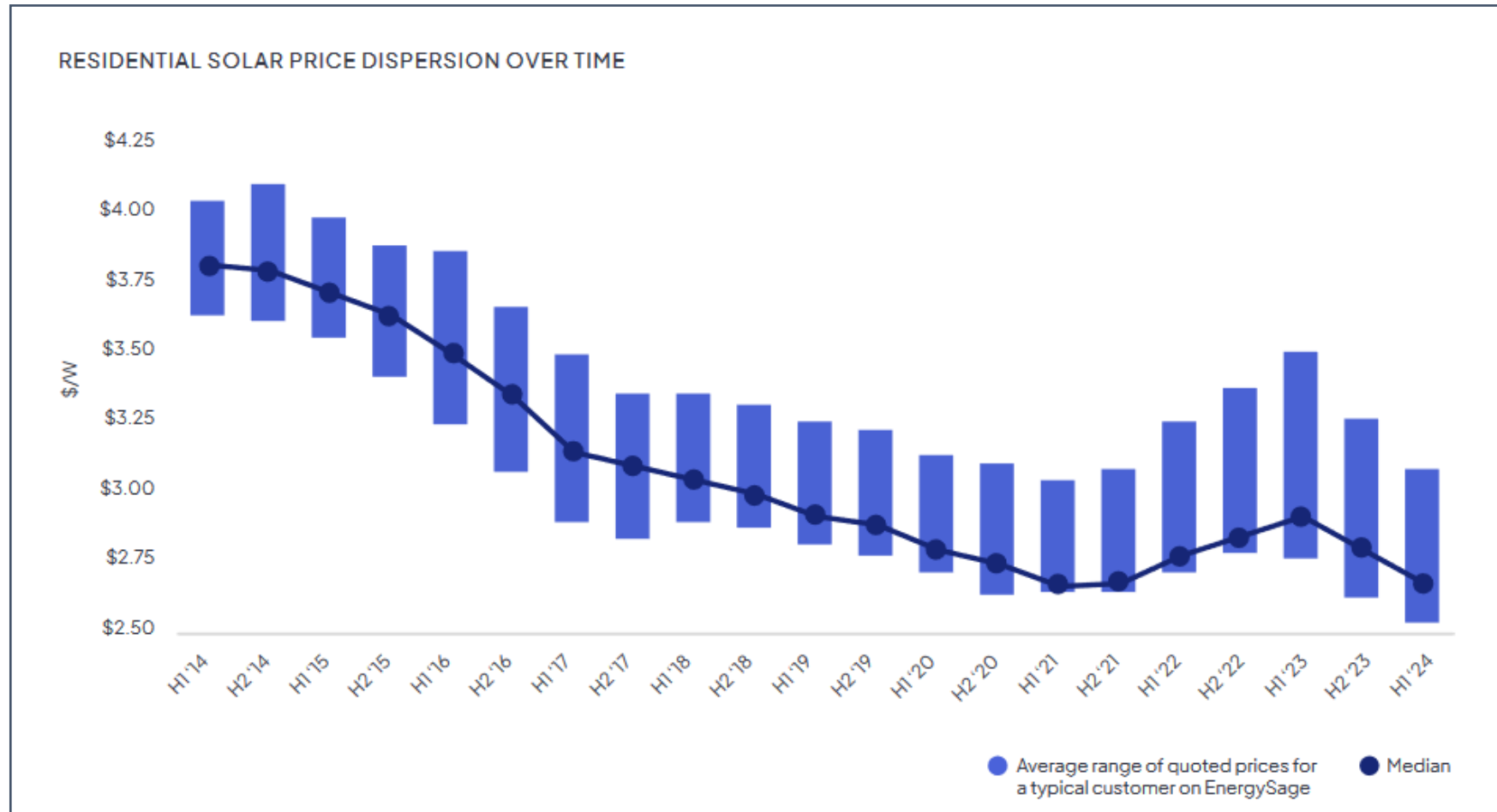


Solar & Storage Marketplace Report

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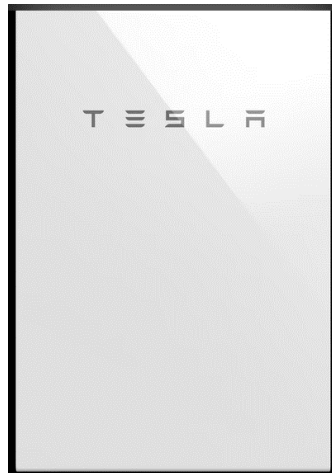
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Common Battery Chemistry

Lithium-Ion

Typically: LNMC –
Li, Ni, Mg, & Co
Thermal Runaway
Possible
High-Power Density

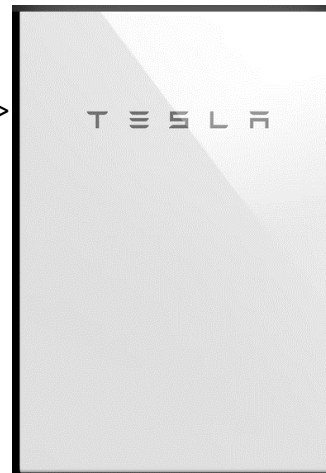


< PowerWall 2

Lithium Ferro (Iron) Phosphate

LFP – Li, Fe, PO4
Non-combustible
High-Power Density
Cobalt (Co) Free

PowerWall 3 >



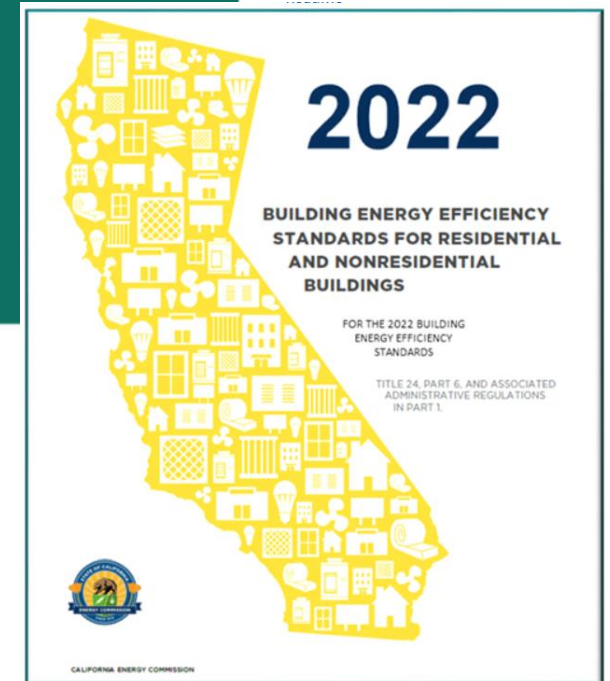
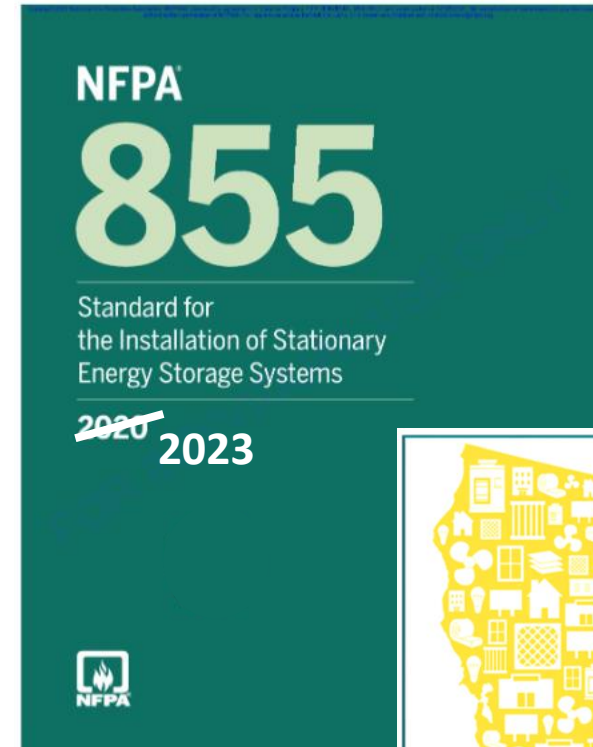
Lithium Titanate Oxide

LTO – Li & Ti
Non-combustible
Lower-Power Density
Cobalt (Co) Free

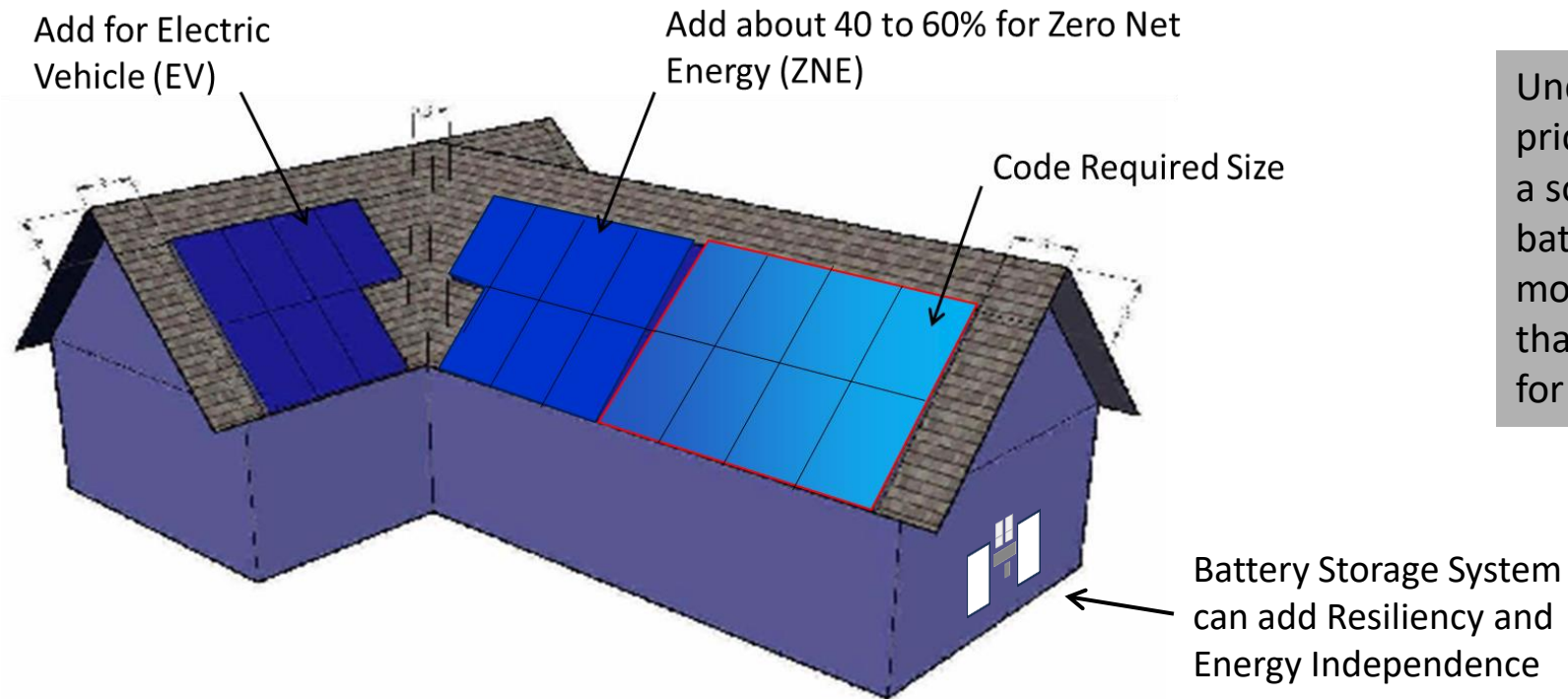


Design Considerations for Battery Installations

- Functionality – Supporting Equipment and Space Needs
- Fire Safety –NFPA 855
- Energy Code –Title 24 Part 6:
 - Desired –Single Family, or
 - Required –Non-Res



How much solar (and battery storage) does a household need?



Under the new electric pricing system (NEM 3), a solar PV system with battery storage can be more cost effective than a PV System alone for a ZNE home.

*For Example: New Construction 2000 SF home in Atascadero (climate zone 4) a 2.38 kW system would be required.
Santa Barbara and Ventura coastal areas would be slightly less.*



General Design Considerations

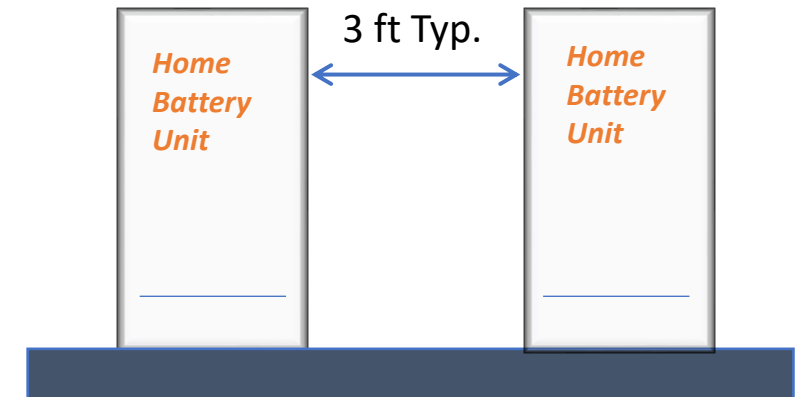
- Outdoor and indoor installations are possible
- Protect from impact damage
- Protect from temperature extremes
- Protect from adverse weather
- Maintain 3 ft distance from paths of travel, doors and windows
- Follow manufacture's installation requirements



Fire Safety – NFPA 855

Highlights from Chapter 15 – One and Two Family Units and Townhouses:

- Individual ESS units max 20 kWh stored energy
- Separate individual units by 3 ft
- Aggregate capacity shall not exceed:
 - 40 kWh within utility closets or storage spaces
 - 80 kWh in garages and/or detached accessory structures
 - 80 kWh on exterior walls or in outdoor installations
- Utility closets/spaces and/or garage shall have 5/8" Type X gypsum board ceilings and walls
- Interconnected smoke alarms shall be installed through out the dwelling and attached garage (or when appropriate an interconnected heat alarm)
- Maintain 3 ft clearance from all windows and doors

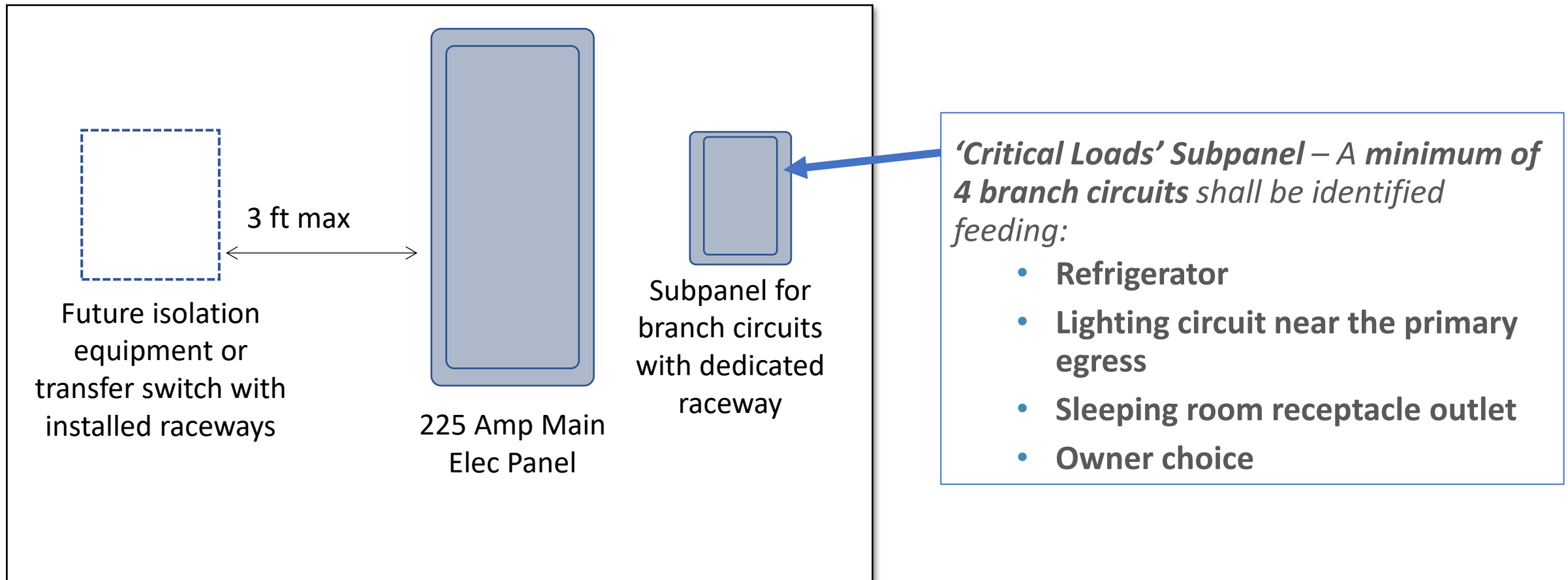


Batteries maybe installed closer if it can be shown to the AHJ that the battery manufacture has complied with proper fire testing and has specified the minimum distance.

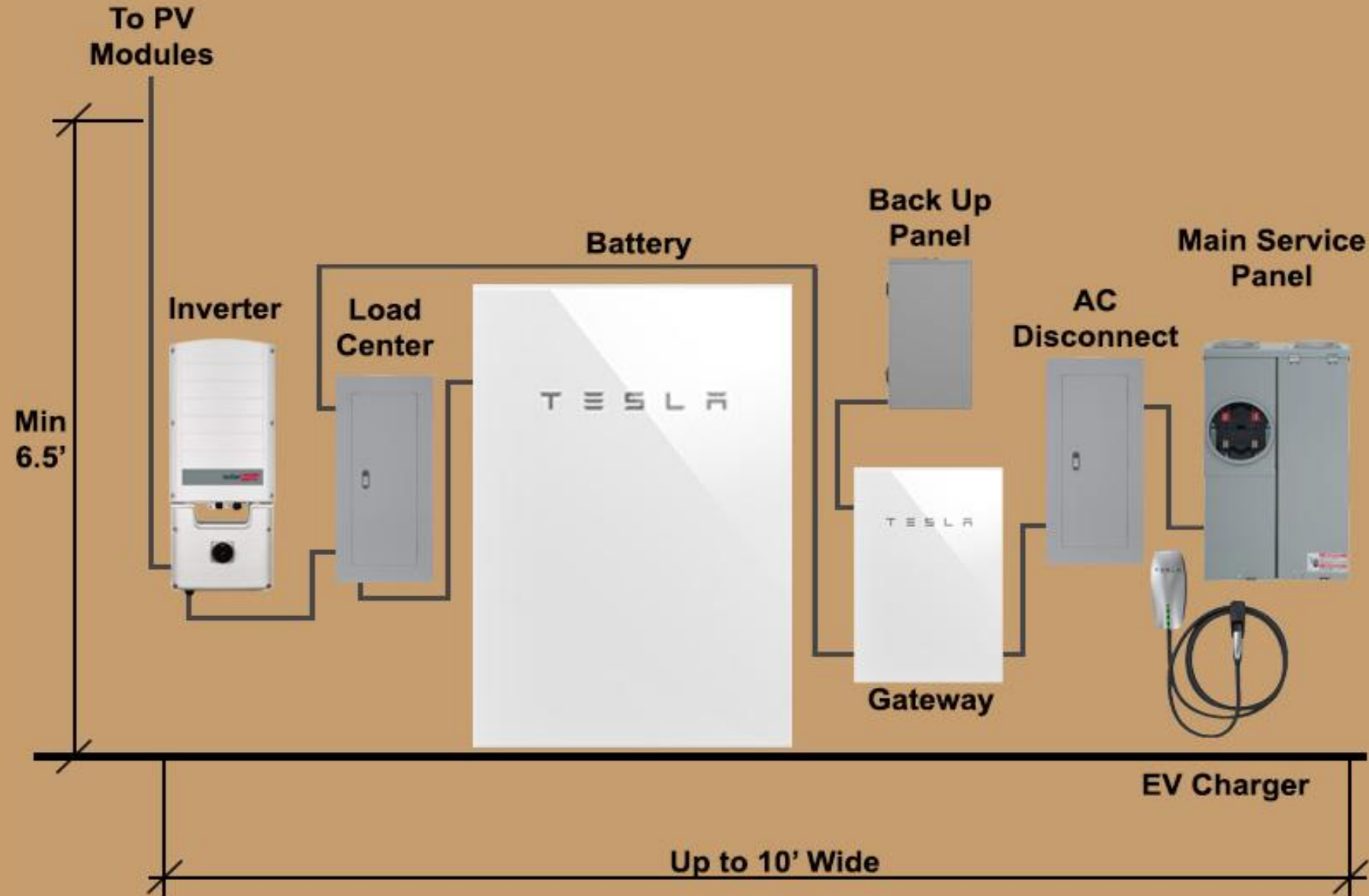


2022 Energy Code – Single Family (Townhouses and Duplexes)

Reminder: Battery storage is optional; “Battery Ready” is required for new construction only



Common Equipment for a Solar + Battery System



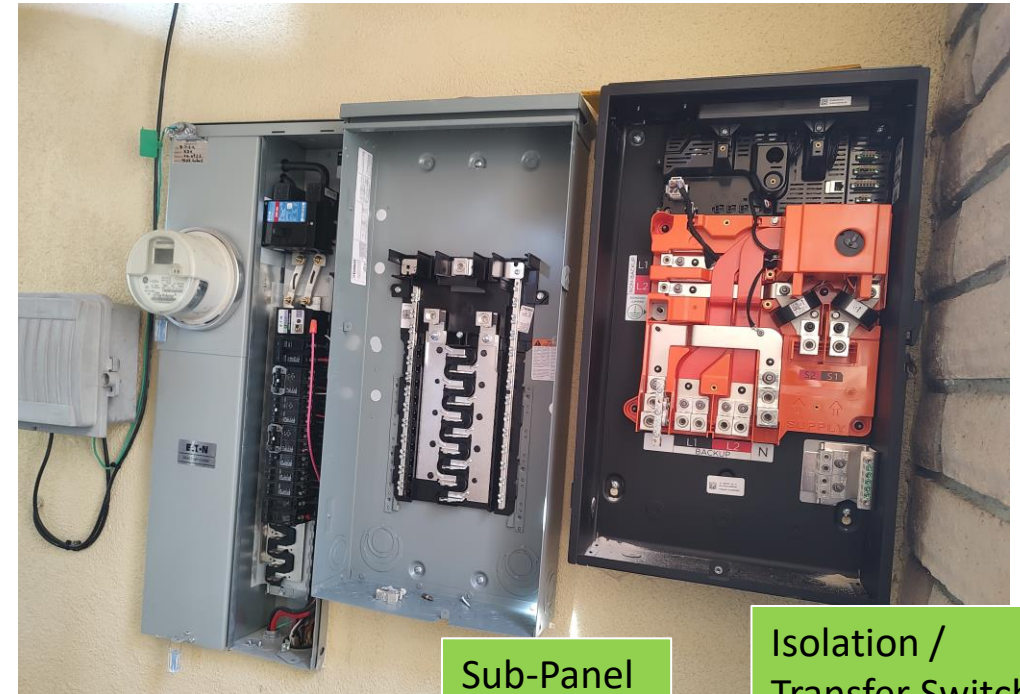
Existing Homes: Solar PV and Battery Systems



Electrical Panels and Inverters

Solar Panels and Hardware

Batteries



Main Electrical Panel

Sub-Panel

Isolation / Transfer Switch / Gateway / Controller



Main Panel, Subpanel and BESS Isolation Equipment

225 Amp Main
Elec Panel



Tesla Gateway
(Approx. 16" x 26")
Transfer/Isolation
Equipment
Purpose is to isolate
the building from the
electrical grid during
a power outage.

Subpanel
"Back-up Loads"
with 4 branch
circuits minimum –
can have more, can
be the whole house.

Inverter, Disconnect/Load Center, and Battery

Inverters
(from PV Panels)



Home Load Center
and Disconnect
(Houses the Solar
Panel Array/Inverter
Breakers -20amp
each)

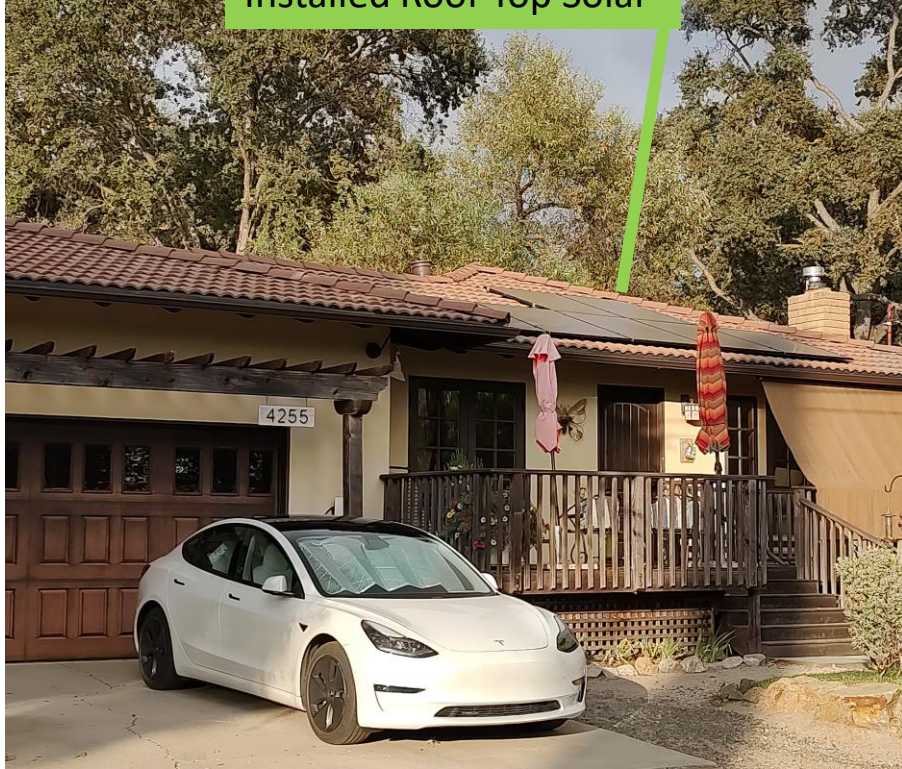


Tesla PowerWall
13.5 kWh Capacity and
11.3 kW max continuous
Power Supply.
(Approx. 33" x 46")
Can be ground or wall
mounted.



Occupant Habits: Energy Usage, Solar PV and Battery Systems

Installed Roof Top Solar



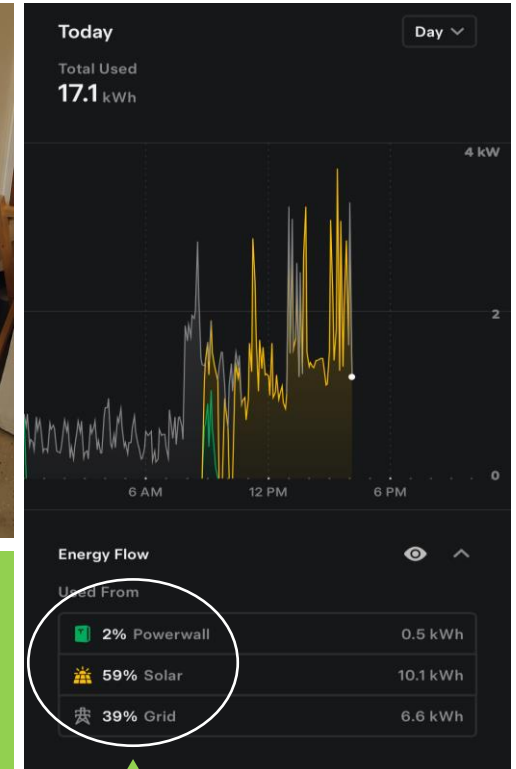
Depending on one's driving mileage, electric cars can add significant loads.



Battery Storage: Two batteries are providing whole home back-up – for the most part...



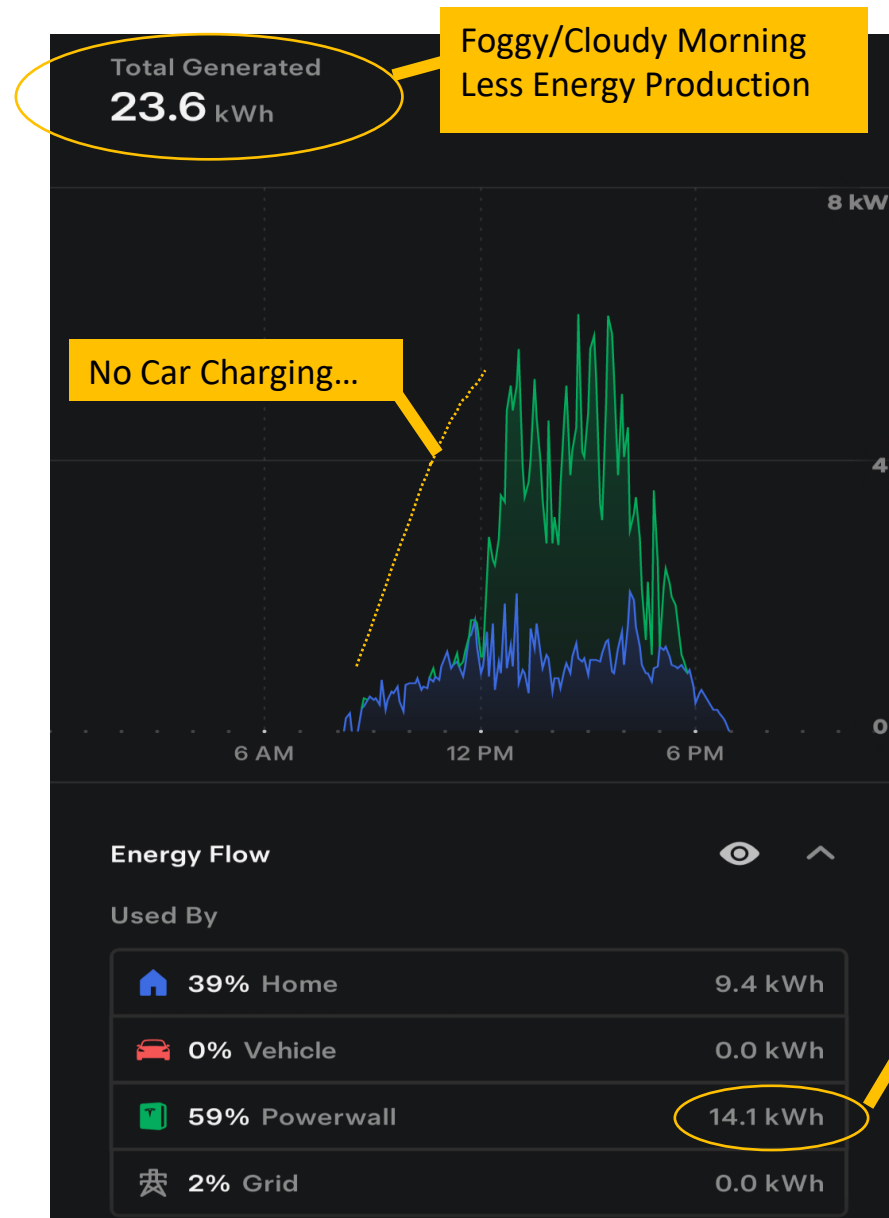
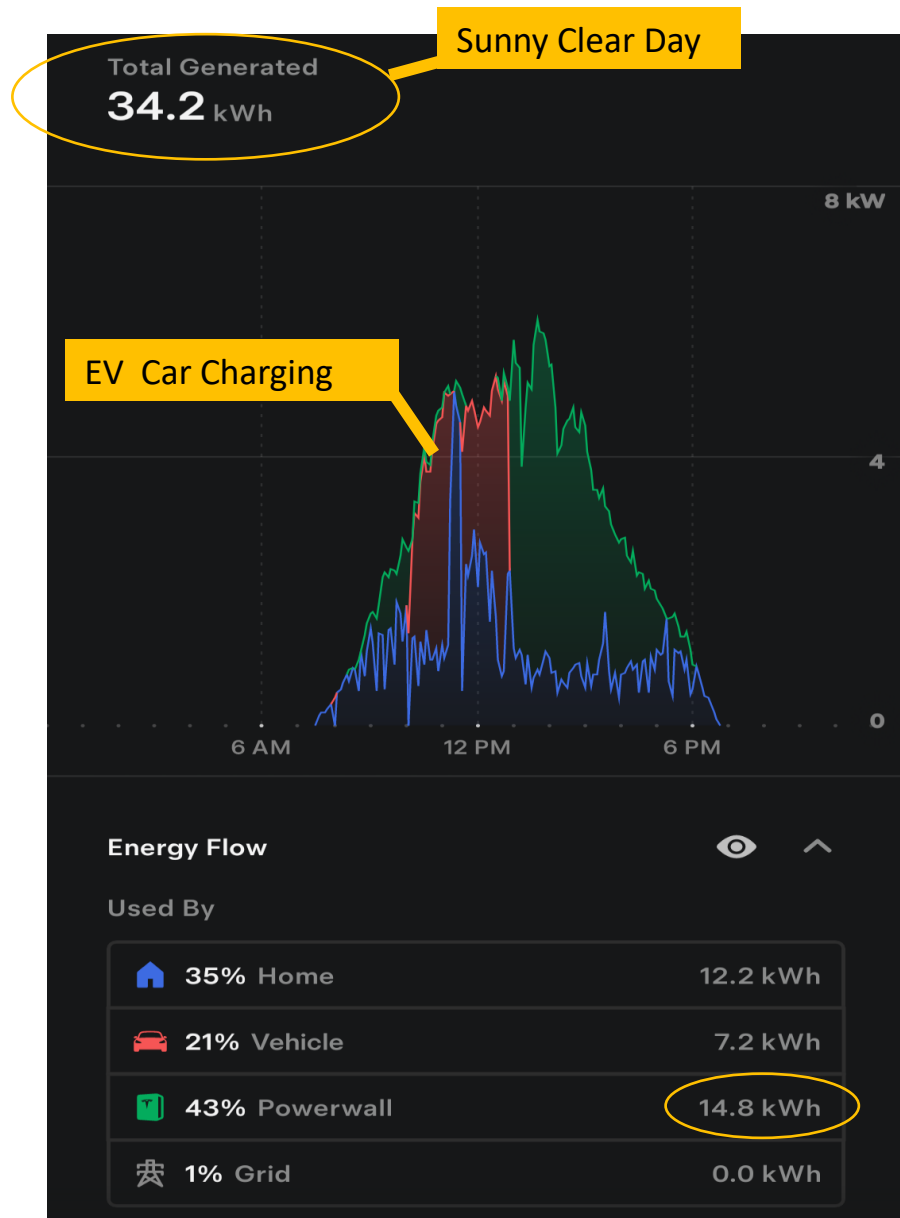
Electric dryer – Multiple consecutive use can add significant electric load, pulling energy from the grid.



“Laundry Day” – Solar only met 59% of the need that day – battery recharge has “priority” on solar energy.



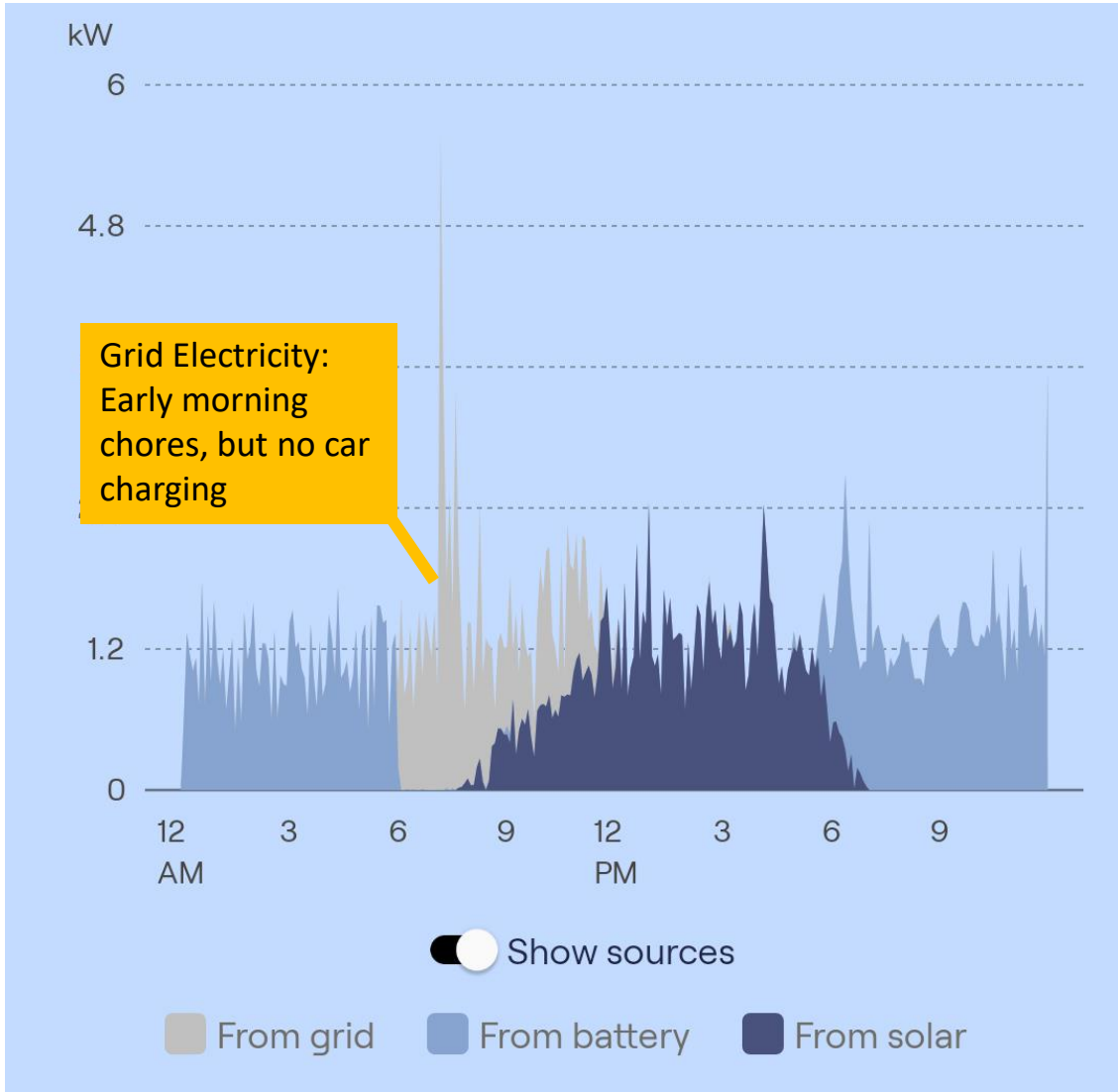
Energy Production and Energy Flow – Charge the Car or the Battery?



Battery receives about the same amount of energy on both days



Energy Usage –Grid vs Battery vs Solar Direct



Battery Resources: Sizing, Cost, Savings

Industry Websites

- Tools for battery sizing based on typical household energy use
- Provide average appliance kWh and time-use estimates
- EnergySage connects homeowners to vetted contractors

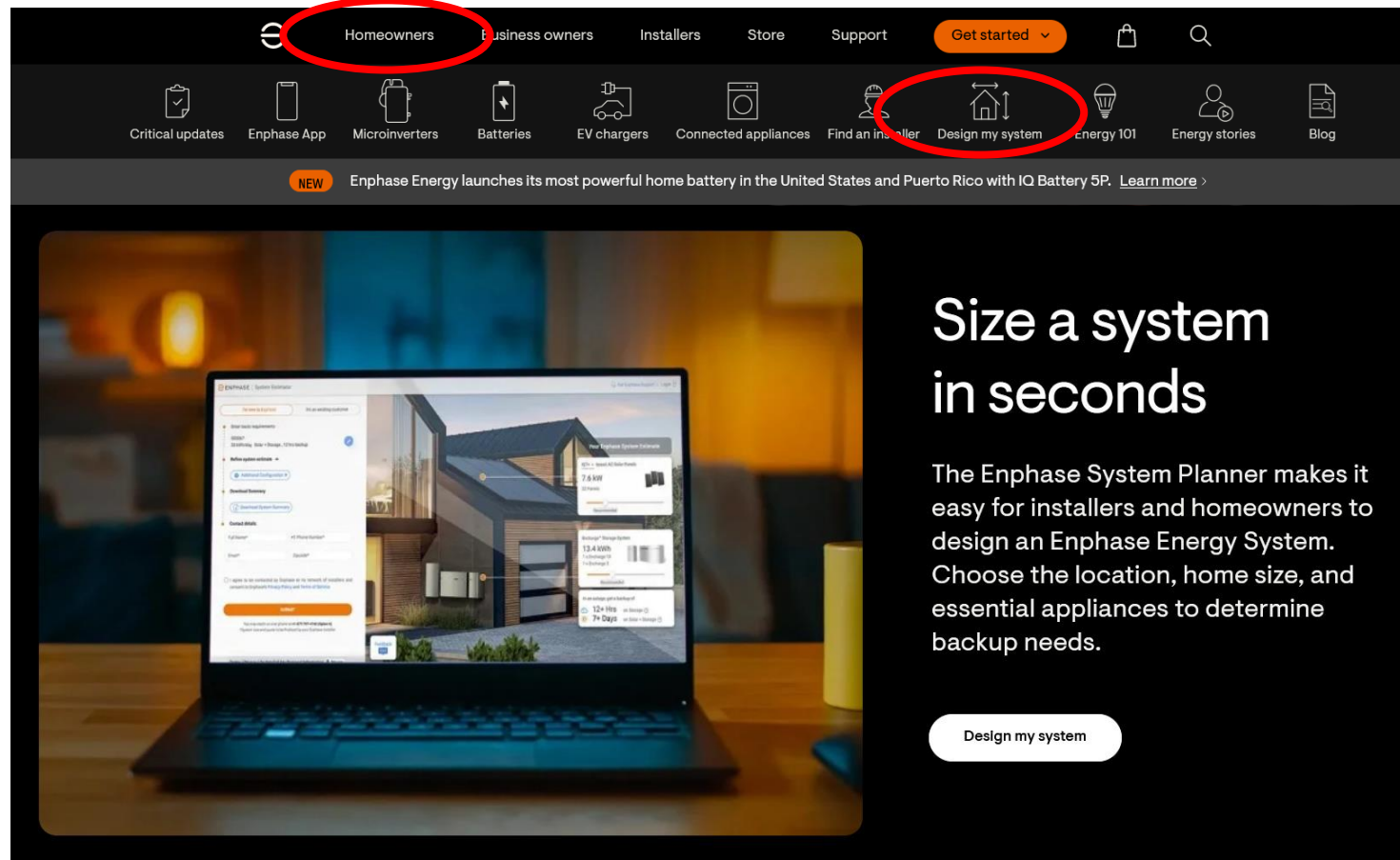
Utility Company Websites

- Links to Battery and Self-Utilization Incentives
- PG&E links to a 'Solar Calculator' tool that includes battery storage

Size a Battery for your Home

Enphase Website Example: <https://enphase.com/homeowners>

Click *Homeowners*, and then *Design my system*

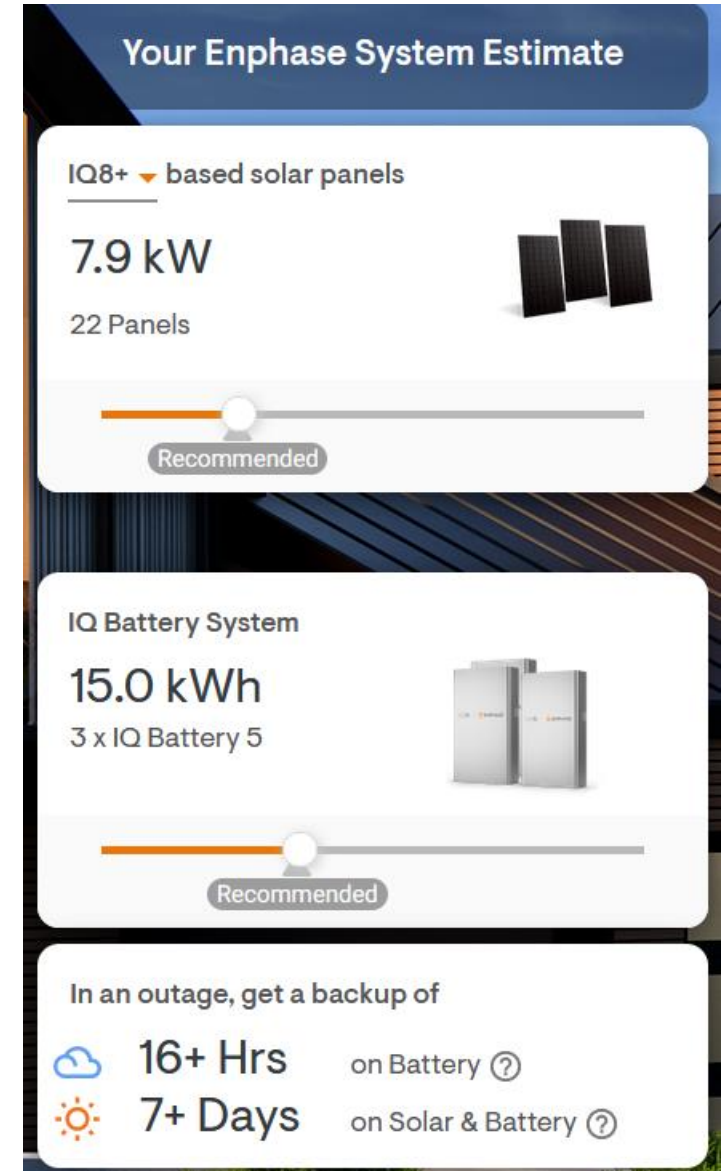


The screenshot shows the Enphase website's navigation menu. The 'Homeowners' link is circled in red. Below it, the 'Design my system' link is also circled in red. A laptop in the foreground displays the Enphase System Planner interface, which includes a house illustration and various system configuration options.

Size a system in seconds

The Enphase System Planner makes it easy for installers and homeowners to design an Enphase Energy System. Choose the location, home size, and essential appliances to determine backup needs.

[Design my system](#)



Your Enphase System Estimate

- IQ8+ based solar panels
- 7.9 kW
- 22 Panels
- Recommended

IQ Battery System

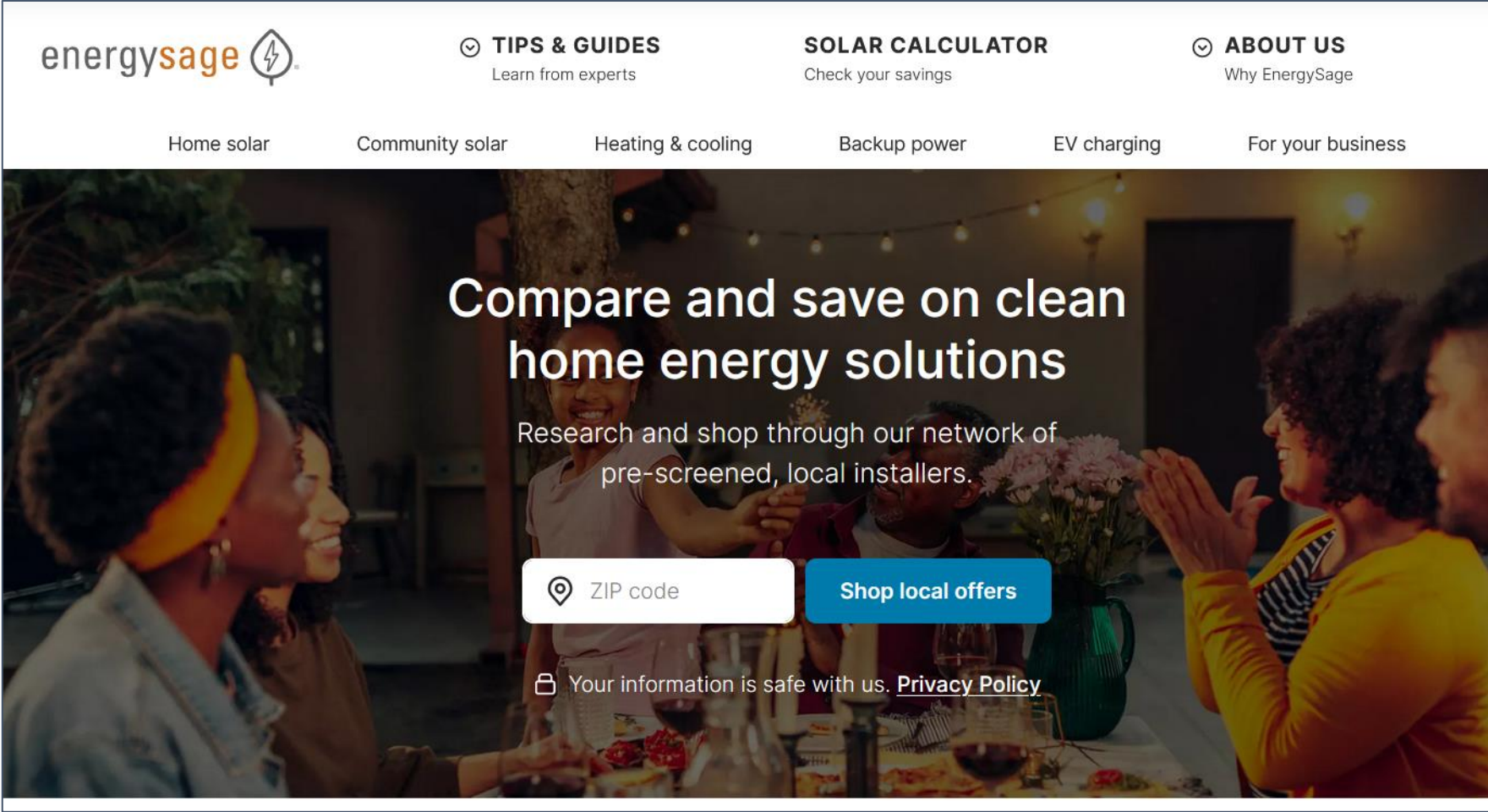
- 15.0 kWh
- 3 x IQ Battery 5
- Recommended

In an outage, get a backup of

- 16+ Hrs on Battery ?
- 7+ Days on Solar & Battery ?

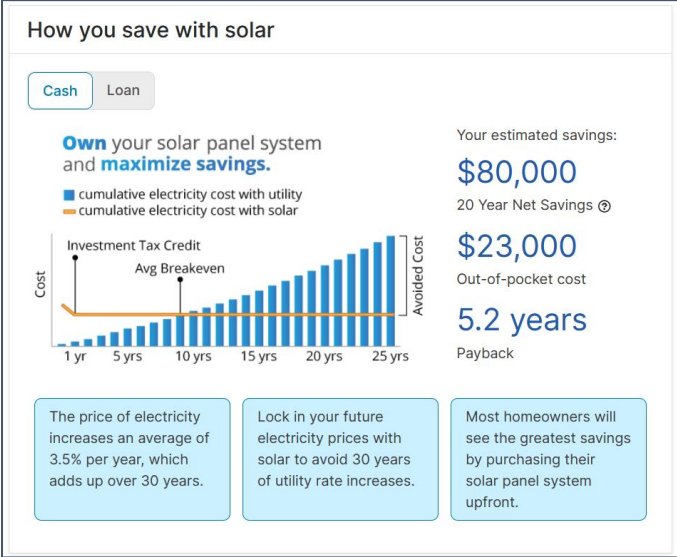
EnergySage: Information Hub, Pre-screen Installers

https://www.energysage.com/



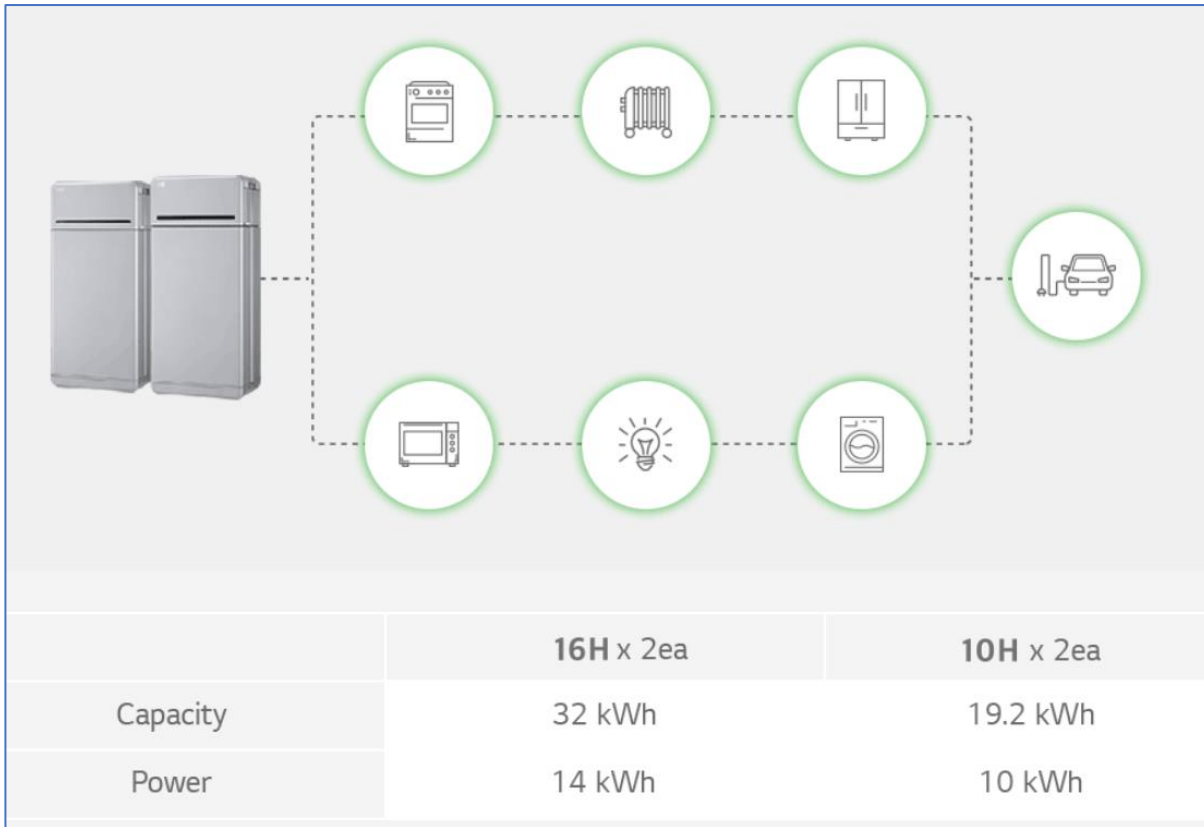
The image shows the EnergySage website homepage. At the top left is the EnergySage logo. To its right are navigation links: 'TIPS & GUIDES' (Learn from experts), 'SOLAR CALCULATOR' (Check your savings), and 'ABOUT US' (Why EnergySage). Below these are category links: 'Home solar', 'Community solar', 'Heating & cooling', 'Backup power', 'EV charging', and 'For your business'. The main content area features a large background image of a group of people dining at an outdoor restaurant. Overlaid on this image is the text: 'Compare and save on clean home energy solutions', 'Research and shop through our network of pre-screened, local installers.', a search bar for 'ZIP code', a blue 'Shop local offers' button, and a privacy notice: 'Your information is safe with us. Privacy Policy'.

Sample Results from the 'Solar Calculator'



Manufacturers often show estimates for their products' use:

This is useful information for a basic understanding of the capacity and duration of use for a battery system.



One Yeti PRO 4000 gives you 4,000 watt hours of backup power! That's enough to keep the essentials running for a whole day.

Power these devices simultaneously for a day with one Yeti PRO 4000.



Full Size Refrigerator

Run time: 24 Hours

(Uses about 67 W/hr):



WiFi Router

Run time: 24 Hours

(Uses about 25 W/hr):



60" TV

Run time: 4 Hours

(Uses About 80 W/hr):



Microwave

Run time: 15 Mins

(Uses 1000 W/hr):



4 LightBulbs

Run Time: 4 Hours

(Uses about 44 W/hr):



Phone

Charges 2

(Uses about 12 Wh per):



Laptop

Charges 2

(Uses about 51 Wh per):



Coffee Maker

1 Pot

(250 w/hr per):

Sizing and Cost Savings – Solar Calculator ‘WattPlan’

<https://guide.pge.com>

PG&E RESOURCES

Explore resources for PG&E Customers

Everything you need to reduce costs and maximize savings

[RESET ALL](#)



Solar Calculator

Make an informed decision about rooftop solar for your home. Calculate your solar savings potential with a personalized assessment with PG&E's Solar Calculator.

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Disadvantaged Communities – Single-Family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) program

Learn more about available programs for income qualified customers in disadvantage communities

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[Get Started >](#)



'WattPlan' - Information Gathering

https://pge.wattplan.com

Will you make any energy efficiency improvements?

We will perform a bundled estimate that factors in these associated costs and energy savings and then right-sizes a solar system for you.

No improvements Annual energy reduction: 0%	Easy improvements Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Install LED lightsAdjust thermostat temperature Annual energy reduction: 5%
Moderate improvements Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Purchase energy efficient appliancesInstall insulation Annual energy reduction: 10% Estimated cost of improvements: \$ 2000	Advanced improvements Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Whole house upgrade Annual energy reduction: 10%

Energy improvements can be accounted for in the financial calculations

I entered monthly energy-use



Tell us about your energy usage

 Select average electric bill Quick estimate	 Enter monthly electric usage Detailed estimate	 Upload data Most accurate estimate
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For best results, we recommend that you upload your electric interval data using Green Button Download my Data.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1057	851	759	815	761	630	643	677	651	675	784	966
kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh

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Solar and Battery Details

My new plan

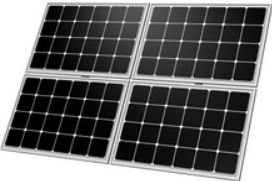
Electricity comes from utility & solar

5.3 kW

System size (DC)

14

Number of panels



5.320 kW

System size (DC)

4.549 kW

System size (AC)

9,099 kWh

System annual electricity production

My new plan

Solar is stored for use in the evening when energy costs are highest

13.5 kWh

Battery capacity

5.0 kW

Power, max continuous



Select an option ↔

User can fine tune the battery parameters and costs

Storage

Storage can increase the amount of usage you can cover with generation from your solar system.

Include storage?

Energy capacity: 13.5 kWh [?]

0.5  27

Power, Max Continuous: 5.0 kW [?]

1  10

Unit Price: \$1,000 per kWh [?]

100  2000

System Price: \$13,500 [?]

Example of Additional Inputs and Assumption

Estimate assumptions	
Current annual electric bill	\$4192, Time-of-Use (Peak Pricing 4-9 p.m. every day)
Installed solar unit price	\$3 per W-DC
Storage system cost	\$1000.0 per kWh

Summary	
Key financial results	
First year electric bill savings	\$3,202
Breakeven year	7
Key assumptions	
Payment type	Cash
Solar system price	\$15,960
Storage system price	\$13,500
Utility rate increase	2% per year
Incentives available	
	\$4,788 Federal Residential Solar Credit
	\$4,050 Federal Battery Storage Credit
Next steps	
	Follow these steps to learn how to get started with installing solar today.

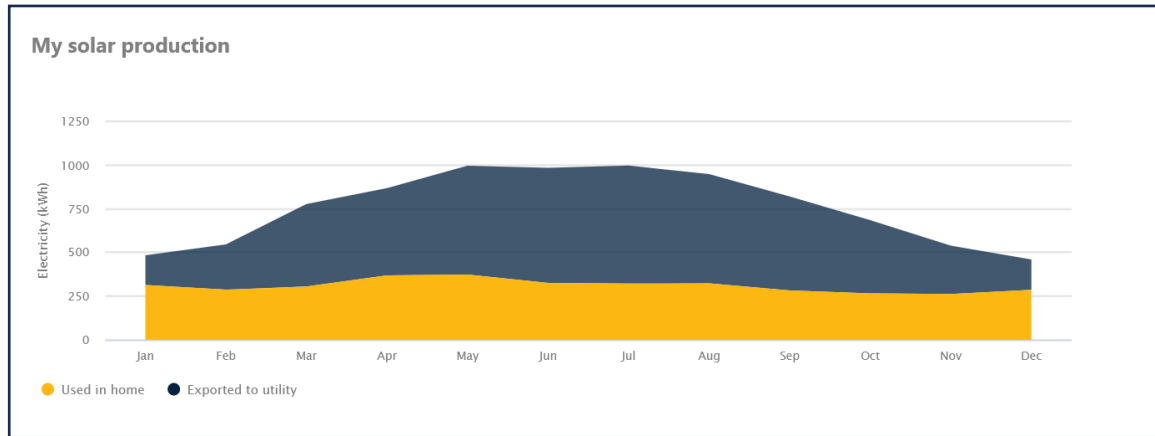
Includes 'next steps' for making a solar and/or battery system a reality



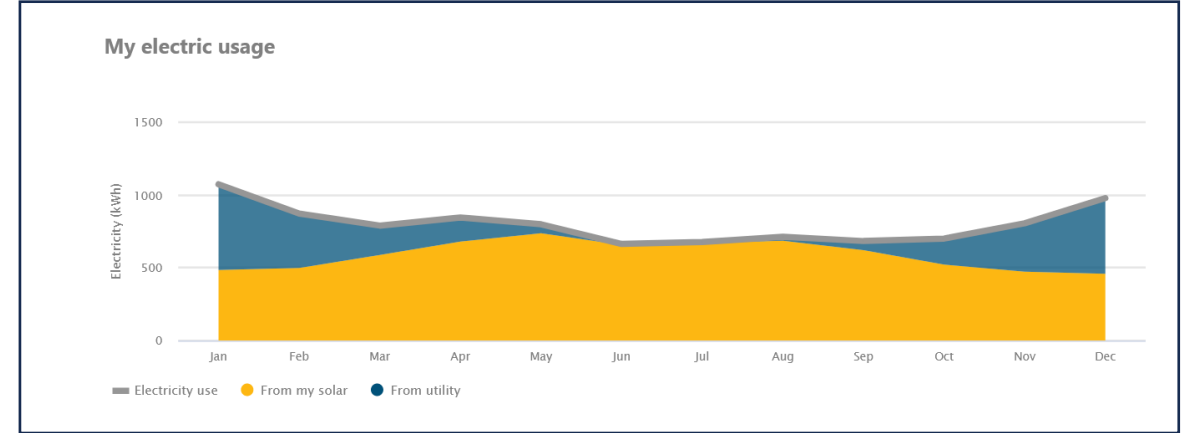
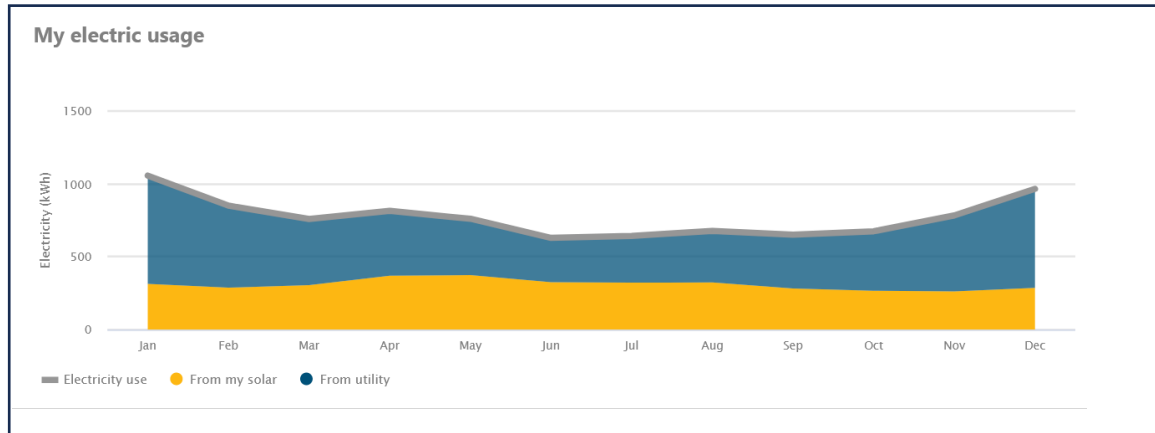
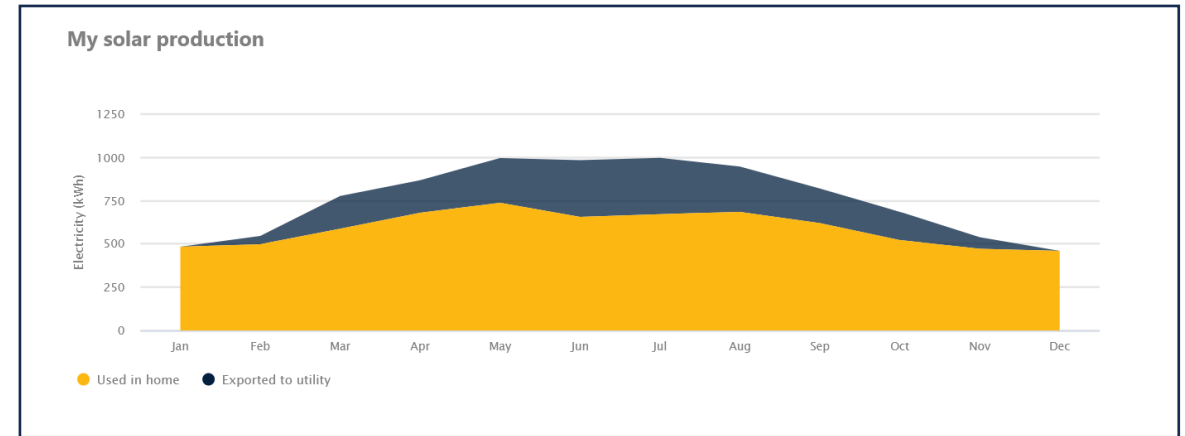
Graphic Results from 'WattPlan'

<https://pge.wattplan.com>

Solar without a Battery System



Solar with a Battery System



Same solar output and energy use, but the battery allows more of the produced energy to be used by 'My' household and not exported to the 'Grid.'

Benefit of Battery Storage

If you can afford the upfront costs of the battery (assumed \$13,500 installed):

- Save additional \$9,307 over 20 yrs
- Additional year to 'Breakeven'
- Very low utility bill (est. \$82/mo)
- Power some critical loads during a power outage

Solar only

No Backup power	41% Solar energy used on site, not exported
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Key financials

System cost	\$15,960
Total incentives	\$4,788
Net savings or (costs) over the next 20 years	\$33,184
Breakeven	Year 6
Current average monthly bill	\$349
Average monthly bill after solar	\$178

Key features

- Solar system will export excess power to receive bill credits
- Solar generation shuts down during power outages unless special inverter is used

Solar and storage

Yes Backup power	78% Solar energy used on site, not exported
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Key financials

System cost	\$29,460
Total incentives	\$8,838
Net savings or (costs) over the next 20 years	\$42,491
Breakeven	Year 7
Current average monthly bill	\$349
Average monthly bill after solar + storage	\$82

Key features

- Power critical appliances - or even your whole home - for a limited duration during power outages
- Use solar energy when the sun is shining, store excess solar power for use during evening peak hours, when electricity is most expensive

Battery Storage Rebates for Qualifying Utility Customers

Need to be in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Fire Zones, and Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings districts – follow links to appropriate maps from PG&E website.

The screenshot shows the PG&E website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Account, Outages & Safety, Save Energy & Money, Business Resources, and Clean Energy. Below the menu is a search bar and a dropdown menu for "Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS)". The main content area displays a map of California with a grid overlay. The map is color-coded: blue dots represent "High Fire-Risk Area" and orange dots represent "Near High Fire-Risk Area". The map shows various regions including Paso Robles, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, and Morro Bay. The PG&E logo is in the top left corner, and the footer contains copyright information for 2024 PG&E and various data sources.

The screenshot shows the CPUC High Fire Threat District (HFTD) map. The map displays various fire threat zones in California, color-coded in shades of orange and red. An information popup window titled "About" is open, providing details about the HFTD. The popup text reads: "The CPUC High Fire-Threat District (HFTD) Map is comprised of two map sources and includes three fire-threat areas: Tier 3 consists of areas on the CPUC Fire-Threat Map where there is an extreme risk from wildfires associated with overhead utility power lines or overhead utility power-line facilities also supporting communication facilities. Tier 2 consists of areas on the CPUC Fire-Threat Map where there is an elevated risk from wildfires associated with overhead utility power lines or overhead utility power-line facilities also supporting communication facilities. Zone 1 consists of Tier 1 High-Hazard Zones (HHZs) from the United States Forest Service (USFS) and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) joint map of Tree Mortality HHZs. Tier 1 HHZs are in direct proximity to communities, roads, and utility lines, and are a direct threat to public safety. Together, Tier 3, Tier 2 and Zone 1 constitutes the HFTD. When the three fire-threat areas overlap, Tier 3 supersedes Tier 2 which supersedes Zone 1. To download GIS files, please click [HFTD](#)." The map also shows a search bar, navigation controls, and a scale bar.





Nonresidential and High-Rise Residential

Energy Code – Highrise and Non-Res

2022 Code Applicable Occupancy Types:

High-Rise Residential

Grocery

Retail

Restaurant

Theater, Library

School

Warehouse

Auditorium, Convention Center

Hotel-Motel

Office, Financial, or Unleased

Clinic/Medical Office Building

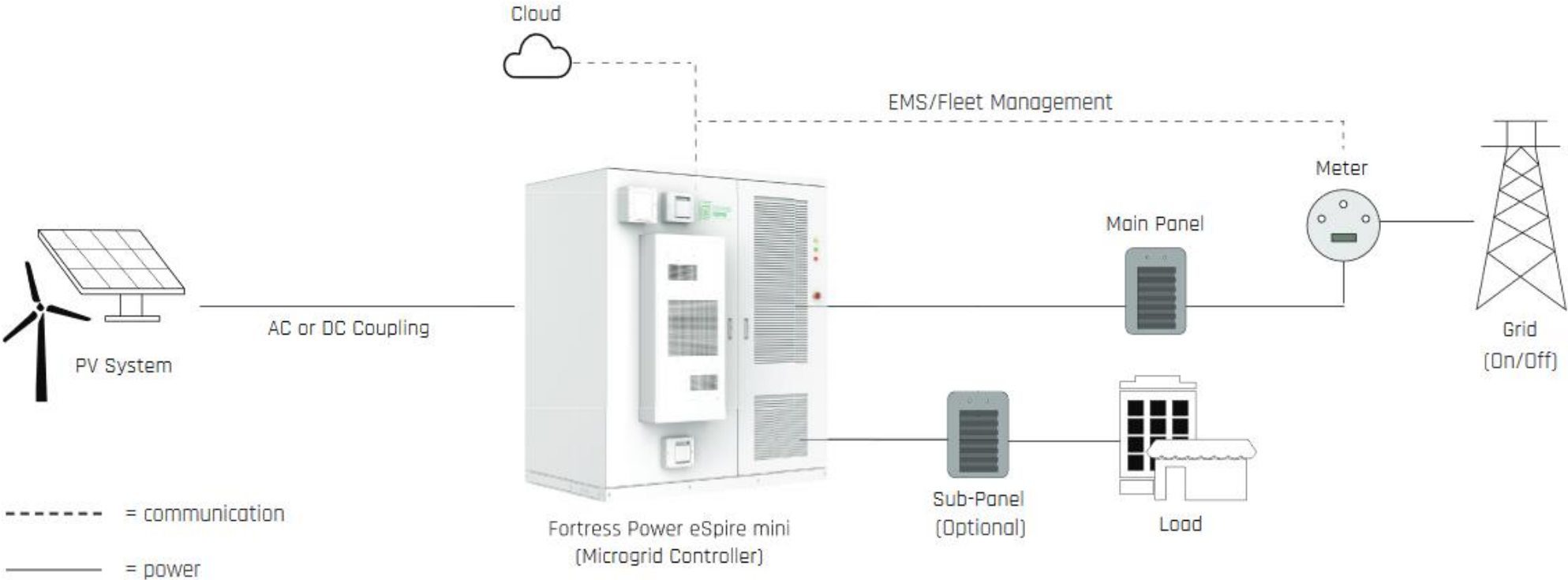


Solar System size will depend on Occupancy Type, Conditioned Floor Area, etc. The Battery System size will depend on PV System Size.

Under the 2025 Code occupancies are expanded and some will have increased PV and Battery requirements. Restaurants for example have a dramatic increase.

Example of Commercial Scale System

<https://www.fortresspower.com>

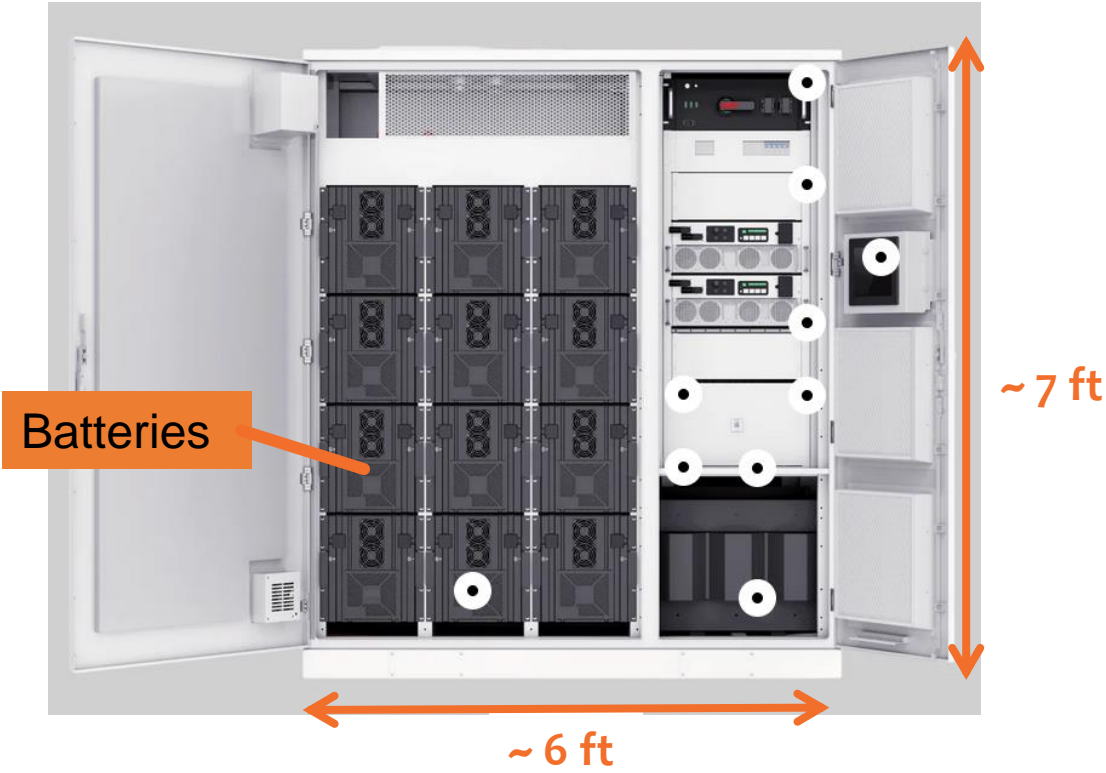


eSpireMini_022224

Integrated, Pre-configured Packaged
Battery Energy Storage System



Commercial Scale Battery Example



“Doors Open”



Stanford University EV Bus Fleet Solar with Battery Storage

<https://www.poshenergy.com>



PV System Size (kW_{dc}):

$$kW_{PV} = \frac{CFA \times A}{1000}$$

CFA: Conditioned Floor Area

A: Climate Zone Factor

or

$$kW_{PV} = 14 \text{ W/sq ft} \times \text{SARA}$$

SARA: Solar Accessible Roof Area

No PV required if:

- PV size < 4 kW_{dc};
- SARA < 80 sq ft contiguous or < 3% of the CFA
- Snow loading parameters

2025 Update:

PV Size = 14 W/sf x SARA, low-sloped roofs

PV Size = 18 W/sf x SARA, steep-sloped roofs



VTA Housing Ohlone Station, San Jose, CA (CZ 4)

Restaurant -- 2,000 sf

SARA = 4,500 sf

Retail – 3,500 sf

Office and Unleased – 7,000 sf

$$kW_{PV} = (2000 \times 0.44) + (3500 \times 2.91) + (7000 \times 3.13) / 1000$$

$$kW_{PV} = 33 \text{ kW}$$

OR

$$kW_{PV} = 14 \text{ W/sf} \times 4,500 \text{ sf} / 1000$$

$$kW_{PV} = 63 \text{ kW}$$

Use for the 2022 Code:

Table 140.10-A – PV Capacity Factors

-	<u>Factor A – Minimum PV Capacity (W/ft² of conditioned floor area)</u>		
	<u>1, 3, 5, 16</u>	<u>2, 4, 6-14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Climate Zone</u>			
<u>Grocery</u>	<u>2.62</u>	<u>2.91</u>	<u>3.53</u>
<u>High-Rise Multifamily</u>	<u>1.82</u>	<u>2.21</u>	<u>2.77</u>
<u>Office, Financial Institutions, Unleased Tenant Space</u>	<u>2.59</u>	<u>3.13</u>	<u>3.80</u>
<u>Retail</u>	<u>2.62</u>	<u>2.91</u>	<u>3.53</u>
<u>School</u>	<u>1.27</u>	<u>1.63</u>	<u>2.46</u>
<u>Warehouse</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.58</u>
<u>Auditorium, Convention Center, Hotel/Motel, Library, Medical Office Building/Clinic, Restaurant, Theater</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.58</u>

Applies to new construction as listed in Table 140.10-A or mixed occupancy where one or more of these building types constitute at least 80% of the floor area of the building.



NEW Table for 2025 Code

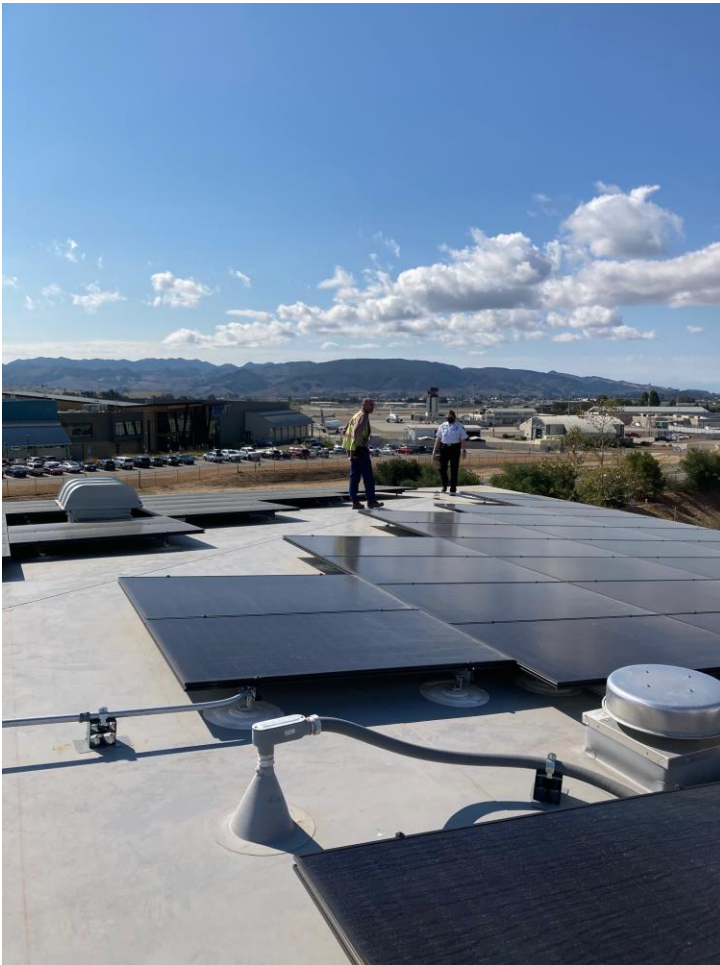
Table 140.10-A – PV Capacity Factors (W/ft² of conditioned floor area)

Building Type	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8	CZ 9	CZ 10	CZ 11	CZ 12	CZ 13	CZ 14	CZ 15	CZ 16
Events & Exhibits	3.48	4.28	3.66	4.32	3.77	4.05	4.28	4.83	4.63	4.80	5.04	4.44	4.95	4.36	5.48	3.38
Library	0.39	3.23	2.59	3.25	2.48	2.74	3.04	3.49	3.32	3.69	3.79	3.32	3.79	3.37	4.49	2.84
Hotel/Motel	1.69	1.90	1.66	1.97	1.69	1.87	1.94	2.22	2.09	2.20	2.30	2.05	2.30	2.02	2.72	1.73
Office, Financial Institution, Unleased Tenant Space, Medical Office Building/Clinic	2.59	3.13	2.59	3.13	2.59	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.80	2.59
Restaurants	8.55	9.32	8.16	9.65	8.21	8.73	9.11	10.18	9.75	10.28	10.85	9.73	10.69	9.73	12.25	8.47
Retail, Grocery	3.14	3.49	3.01	3.61	3.05	3.27	3.45	3.83	3.65	3.81	4.09	3.64	3.99	3.71	4.60	3.21
School	1.27	1.63	1.27	1.63	1.27	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.63	2.46	1.27
Warehouse	0.39	0.44	0.39	0.44	0.39	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.58	0.39
Religious Worship	4.25	4.65	3.49	4.52	3.72	4.29	4.64	5.89	5.30	5.67	5.89	4.99	5.78	4.63	7.57	3.90
Sports & Recreation	2.47	1.97	1.54	2.03	1.60	1.84	1.98	2.63	2.47	2.60	2.75	2.20	2.72	2.15	4.03	1.81
Multifamily > 3 stories	1.82	2.21	1.82	2.21	1.82	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.77	1.82

Applies to new construction as listed in Table 140.10-A or mixed occupancy where one or more of these building types constitute at least 80% of the floor area of the building.



Solar Access Roof Area (SARA)



- Area of a buildings' roof space capable of supporting PV system
- Area of all roof space on covered parking areas, carports and other newly constructed structures onsite that are compatible with supporting a PV system per CBC 1511.2

Exceptions:

- Any roof area that has <70% annual solar access
- Occupied roof areas per CBC 503.1.4
- Roof area not otherwise available due to compliance with other State Building Code requirements, and local codes if confirmed by the Executive Director

Battery Storage - 2022 Code

All buildings **required** to have a **PV system** shall also have a **battery storage system**.

Reminder: Battery system must meet **both** rated **energy** capacity (kWh) and the rated **power** capacity (kW)
 Calculate the energy and power capacities for each occupancy type in mixed use buildings, and sum the values.

Table 140.10-B – Battery Storage Capacity Factors

	<u>Factor B – Energy Capacity</u>	<u>Factor C – Power Capacity</u>
	<u>Wh/W</u>	<u>W/W</u>
<u>Grocery</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>0.26</u>
<u>High-Rise Multifamily</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>0.26</u>
<u>Office, Financial Institutions, Unleased Tenant Space</u>	<u>1.68</u>	<u>0.42</u>
<u>Retail</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>0.26</u>
<u>School</u>	<u>1.87</u>	<u>0.46</u>
<u>Warehouse</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>0.23</u>
<u>Auditorium, Convention Center, Hotel/Motel, Library, Medical Office Building/Clinic, Restaurant, Theater</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>0.23</u>

Rated Energy capacity :

$$kWh = kW_{PVdc} \times B / D^{0.5}$$

D is the rated single charge-discharge cycle AC to AC efficiency of the battery (Between 0.80 and 0.95 is common.)

Rated Power capacity:

$$kW = kW_{PVdc} \times C$$

Battery Storage

Exceptions:

- If installed PV system size < 15% of the size determined by Equation 140.10-A
- In buildings with system requirements with < 10 kWh rated capacity
- ~~In climate zone 1, no battery storage system is required for offices, schools, and warehouses.~~

Exemption removed under 2025

Note: For multi-tenant buildings the energy and power capacities of the battery storage system shall be based on the tenant spaces with more than 5,000 ft² of conditioned floor area.

Example of a Commercial System

eSpire 280 Energy Storage System



Safe Technology & Multi-level Protection

The solution uses the best-in-class Tier 1 Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) chemistry for the highest level of safety, thermal stability, and reliability; An integrated, multi-level Battery Management System (BMS) monitors, optimizes, and balances the system.



2022 Code: Battery Size – Based on PV System Size

Restaurant -- 2,000 sf
Retail – 3,500 sf
Office – 7,000 sf

Take **Exemption**: Need only calculate for separate tenant space 5000 sf or more

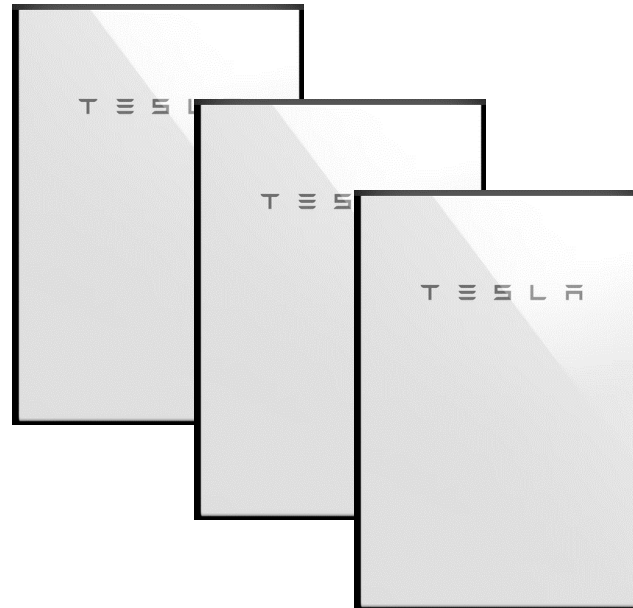
$$\text{kW}_{\text{PVdc}} = (7000 \times 3.13) / 1000$$
$$= 21.9 \text{ kW}$$

Energy Capacity:

$$\text{kWh} = \text{kW}_{\text{PVdc}} \times B / D^{0.5}$$
$$= 21.9 \times 1.68 / .89^{0.5}$$
$$= 39.14 \text{ kWh}$$

Power Capacity:

$$\text{kW} = \text{kW}_{\text{PVdc}} \times C$$
$$= 21.9 \times .42$$
$$= 9.20 \text{ kW}$$



Consider (3) Power Walls

Powerwall Specs

Powerwall 2	Powerwall+
Powerwall 3	
Energy Capacity 13.5 kWh*	Size and Weight L x W x D 45.3 in x 29.6 in x 5.75 in 251.3 lbs
On-Grid Power 5 kW continuous	Installation Floor or wall mounted Indoor or outdoor Up to 10 Powerwalls -4°F to 122°F Water and dust resistance
Backup Power 7 kW peak 106A LRA motor start Seamless backup transition	Warranty 10 years
Scalable Up to 10 units	

*See [Powerwall Technical Specifications](#) for more details.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – 2025 Code

All buildings **required** to have a **PV system** shall also have a **battery storage system**.

Reminder: Battery system must meet **both** rated **energy** capacity (kWh) and the rated **power** capacity (kW)
Calculate the energy and power capacities for each occupancy type in mixed use buildings, and sum the values.

New formulas

Rated Energy Capacity :

$$\text{kWh}_{\text{batt}} = (\text{CFA} \times \mathbf{B}) / (1000 \times \mathbf{C}^{0.5})$$

CFA: Conditioned Floor Area

B: BESS Capacity Factor in Wh/sf from Table 140.10-B

C is the rated single charge-discharge cycle AC to AC efficiency of the BESS

(Between 0.80 and 0.95 is common.)

SARA Adjusted Rated Energy Capacity :

$$\text{kWh}_{\text{batt}} = ((\text{CFA} \times \mathbf{B}) / (1000 \times \mathbf{C}^{0.5})) \times (\text{kW}_{\text{PVdc,SARA}} / \text{kW}_{\text{PVdc}})$$

kW_{PVdc} : From PV Capacity calculation

Rated Power capacity:

$$\text{kW}_{\text{batt}} = \text{kWh}_{\text{batt}} / 4$$



NEW Table for 2025 Code

Table 140.10-B – BESS Capacity Factors (Wh/ft² of conditioned floor area)

Building Type	CZ 1	CZ 2	CZ 3	CZ 4	CZ 5	CZ 6	CZ 7	CZ 8	CZ 9	CZ 10	CZ 11	CZ 12	CZ 13	CZ 14	CZ 15	CZ 16
Events & Exhibits	1.82	1.95	1.74	2.12	1.91	2.13	2.24	2.30	2.36	2.47	2.62	2.16	2.64	2.68	3.22	1.89
Library	0.37	7.17	5.97	6.75	5.64	6.08	6.19	7.13	7.18	7.56	7.17	6.93	6.88	6.81	7.93	6.40
Hotel/Motel	0.86	0.84	0.77	0.92	0.81	0.89	0.90	1.01	1.00	1.11	1.14	0.96	1.18	1.18	1.49	0.85
Office, Financial Institution, Unleased Tenant Space, Medical Office Building/Clinic	NR ¹	5.26	4.35	5.26	4.35	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	6.39	4.35
Restaurants	4.36	4.11	3.78	4.37	3.89	4.02	4.11	4.49	4.47	4.82	5.05	4.43	5.05	5.24	6.23	4.11
Retail, Grocery	1.89	1.82	2.70	1.82	1.72	1.80	1.76	1.92	1.97	2.05	2.22	1.95	2.16	2.29	2.66	1.91
School	NR ¹	3.05	2.38	3.05	2.38	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	4.60	2.38
Warehouse	0.37	0.41	0.37	0.41	0.37	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.54	0.37
Religious Worship	2.21	2.25	1.74	2.42	2.08	2.75	2.94	3.37	3.17	3.37	3.58	2.72	3.62	3.21	4.89	2.37
Sports & Recreation	1.26	0.98	0.76	1.14	0.86	1.20	1.23	1.57	1.53	1.65	1.83	1.27	1.86	1.57	3.02	1.13
Multifamily > 3 stories	1.88	2.27	1.88	2.27	1.88	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.85	1.88

Footnote to TABLE 140.10-B:

1. NR = Not Required



Photovoltaic (PV) and Battery – NRCC-SAB-E

Sample form with instructions is available on the CEC’s website. Use the Energy Code Ace Forms Tool website for completing the NRCC-SAB-E form for permit.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA		CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION					
Solar And Battery		NRCC-SAB-E					
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE		(Page 4 of 6)					
Project Name: MG Rancho Mission Viejo East and West	Report Page:	Date Prepared: 2024-07-25T13:19:56-04:00					
J. PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND BATTERY SYSTEMS							
<i>This table documents compliance with prescriptive photovoltaic and battery system requirements in 140.10/ 170.2(g and h). Unless the project meets one of the listed exceptions, or trades-off PV in an energy model using performance path, 140.10/ 170.2(g and h) requires installed photovoltaic and battery systems for newly constructed buildings. The installed PV systems must meet the minimum requirements in Joint Appendix 11.</i>							
Photovoltaic (PV) System							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Occupancy	Conditioned Floor Area (ft ²)	Area of New Roof ¹ (ft ²)	Roof Area < 70% Solar Access ² (ft ²)	Plansheet or Document showing Solar Access Calculations	Occupied Roof Area ³ (ft ²)	Solar Access Roof Area (SARA) (ft ²)	Min Size of PV System Required (kWdc)
High-Rise Residential	225,531	57,682	21,073	MEP roof plans	2,000	34,609	484.53
Total Min Size PV System Required for all Spaces (kWdc):							484.53
Total Size PV System in Design (kWdc):							500
¹ FOOTNOTES: Includes the area of the building's roof space capable of structurally supporting a PV system and the area of all roof space on covered parking areas, carports, and all other newly constructed structures on the site that are compatible with supporting a PV system per Title 24, Part 2 Section 1511.2.							
² Solar access must be determined using CEC approved solar access calculation tools found at https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/solar-assessment-tools .							
³ As specified by CBC Section 503.1.4.							
Battery Storage System							
01	02	03	04	05			
Space Type	Min Size of PV Applicable To Battery Sizing (kWdc)	Rated Single Charge-Discharge AC Efficiency of Battery System ¹	Min Battery Rated Energy Capacity Required (kWh)	Min Power Capacity of Battery Required (kWdc)			
High-Rise Residential	484.53	0.92	520.31	125.97			
Total Min Energy (kWh) and Power (kW) Capacity Required			520.31	125.98			
Total Energy (kWh) and Power (kW) Capacity in Design			529	143			
¹ FOOTNOTE: Rated single charge-discharge cycle AC to AC (round trip) efficiency of the battery storage system							

Excerpt from the Ace Forms Tool interview:

Solar & Battery Scope

This form is used to demonstrate compliance with prescriptive PV and battery requirements in §140.10/§170.2 for nonresidential, multifamily and mixed-use buildings and prescriptive solar thermal requirements in §170.2(d)3C for multifamily and hotel/ motel occupancies.

Which of the following occupancy types are included in your project? (Select all that apply)

Which of the following choices best describes the scope of your roof project?

How many above grade stories are on this project?



Performance Method –Example of EnergyPro v9 Input

Additional Credit can be used for reducing the “carbon” Source Metric

Control Options:

- **Basic** (Does not feed to the Grid)
- **Time of Use** [need ‘Start Month’ and ‘End Month’]
- **Advances DR Controls** [i.e., *Advanced Demand Response Controls / JA12 Advanced Demand Flexibility Control*]

Energy Capacity (kWh) is obtained from manufacture.

The screenshot shows the 'Battery Storage' input form in EnergyPro v9. It includes fields for Control, Capacity, Charge/Discharge Efficiency, and Rate, along with Start/End Month selectors and a Battery Exception dropdown. Orange arrows point from external text blocks to specific fields: one to the Capacity field, one to the Control dropdown, one to the Charge/Discharge Rate fields, and one to the Battery Exception dropdown.

Battery Storage	
Control:	Basic (Does not feed to the G
Capacity:	0 kWh
Charge:	95.0 %
Discharge:	95.0 %
Battery Exception :	- select applicable reason for Battery reduction -

Battery Charge and Discharge Efficiency is a 95% default. [Equivalent to 90% round trip efficiency]

Rate of Charge and Discharge is obtained from manufacture.

Note: Battery Exceptions apply to Non-Res occupancies and Multi-Family high-rise buildings (greater than 3 stories).

Questions about Title 24?

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- Electrification Products for the Central Coast Climate, 5/6

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