

# Florida statutes solar energy connection to power company





## Overview

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First and foremost, Florida law requires that all solar panel systems be connected to the grid. This means that any solar power generated by the system must be fed back into the grid, rather than being stored in batteries for use at a later time. Are solar panels legal in Florida?

Florida law forbids ordinances, deed restrictions, covenants, or similar binding agreements from prohibiting solar equipment use.

Can a homeowner association install solar panels in Florida?

Florida law forbids any entity—including homeowner associations—from prohibiting the installation of solar or other renewable energy devices on Florida buildings. An association may require approval of a system installation, and may establish restrictions for installations.

Does Florida have a solar rights law?

Note: The purpose of this document is to provide general information to the public about Florida's Solar Rights Law and should not be construed as legal advice. Consumers are advised to consult with their attorney for individual guidance.

Do you need a permit to install solar panels in Florida?

The inspection must be completed before the system is connected to the grid, and any necessary repairs or adjustments must be made before the system can be turned on. Another important aspect of Florida's solar laws is the process of obtaining a permit to install a solar panel system.

Does Florida law apply to a solar pool heater?

There has been some litigation with respect to the applicability of Section 163.04. (See Florida Statute Section 163.04 below.) However, most cases have been resolved through mediation. One such case involved the installation of a solar pool heater on the roof of a home.



Can a solar campaign help advance Florida's solar energy policy?

When we launch a campaign you can help the solar industry to advance Florida's solar energy policy forward. Florida law forbids any entity—including homeowner associations—from prohibiting the installation of solar or other renewable energy devices on Florida buildings.



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### [Florida Solar Policy & Licensing](#)

Solar Licensing The Florida Legislature and the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) have established the scope of work for solar contractors. For the full text of the Florida Legislatures rules on solar energy contractors licensing and requirements you can read the following Rules and Chapters here, Click here for Chapter 489, Part I (Solar contractor ...



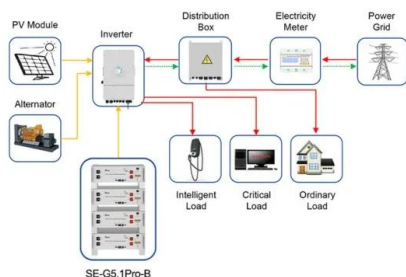
### Chapter 163 Section 04

2024 Florida Statutes



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The Florida Solar Rights Act. Florida law forbids any entity--including homeowner associations--from prohibiting the installation of solar or other renewable energy devices on ...



Application scenarios of energy storage battery products

### [Statutes & Constitution :View Statutes](#)

A property owner may not be denied permission to install solar collectors or other energy devices by any entity granted the power or right in any deed restriction, covenant, ...



### Guide to Duke Energy solar programs in Florida

Duke Energy in Florida offers full retail net metering that allows solar panels to lower electric bills substantially. The average Duke Energy Florida customer uses about 1,450 kWh of electricity per month and has a bill of around \$240. Of that \$240, about \$12 is the



### Chapter 366 Section 91

Renewable energy resources have the potential to help diversify fuel types to meet Florida's growing dependency on natural gas for electric production, minimize the volatility of fuel costs, ...



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520.23 Disclosures required.-- Each agreement governing the sale or lease of a distributed energy generation system shall, at a minimum, include a written statement printed in at least 12-point type that is separate from the agreement, is separately acknowledged by the buyer or lessee, and includes the following information and disclosures, if applicable:





### Chapter 489 Section 113

2021 Florida Statutes (Including 2021B Session)  
Title XXXII REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND  
OCCUPATIONS of the license held by the solar  
contractor and where such work exclusively  
pertains to the installation of residential solar  
energy equipment



### [Florida Statutes § 163.04 \(2021\)](#)

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163.01-163.211) > 163.

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(a) Uses photovoltaic modules to convert solar  
energy to electricity that may be stored on site,  
delivered to a transmission system, and  
consumed primarily offsite. (b) Consists  
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or racking system, power inverters, transformers,  
collection systems, battery systems, fire  
suppression equipment, and associated  
components.



### Chapter 163 Section 04

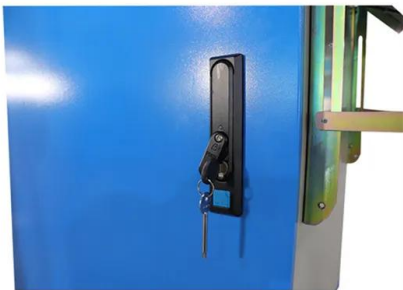
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### Controversial changes to Florida's rooftop solar rules are going to ...

The Florida Senate on Monday gave final approval to a bill that would make major changes in rules for rooftop solar energy, after weeks of attempts by the solar industry and environmental groups to head it off. Senate sponsor Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, said



### [The 2019 Florida Statutes for Net Metering](#)

The 2019 Florida Statutes for Net Metering The 2019 Florida Statutes Title XXVII RAILROADS AND OTHER REGULATED UTILITIES Chapter 366 PUBLIC UTILITIES View Entire Chapter 366.91 Renewable energy.-- (1) The Legislature finds that it is in the

### Florida Solar Rights Act

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### Chapter 163 Section 04

Home > Laws > 2021 Florida Statutes > Title XI > Chapter 163 > Section 04 Quick Links General Laws Conversion Table (2024 declaration, or binding agreement. A property owner may not be denied permission to install solar collectors or other energy, or



## Guide to Net Metering in Florida

How net metering works in Florida Florida's current net metering rules were enacted in 2008 by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). These rules provide a fairly good version of net metering, but there are some important things to know rst, the state's net



## Florida Statutes § 163.04 (2018)

163.04 Energy devices based on renewable resources.-- (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or other provision of general or special law, the adoption of an ordinance by a governing body, as those terms are defined in this chapter, which prohibits or

## Chapter 163 Section 3205

(a) Uses photovoltaic modules to convert solar energy to electricity that may be stored on site, delivered to a transmission system, and consumed primarily offsite. (b) Consists principally of photovoltaic modules, a mounting or racking system, power inverters, transformers, collection systems, battery systems, fire suppression equipment, and associated components.



## HOA & Condo Boards: Solar and Renewable Energy Improvements

Florida Law Governs Rules or Covenants Prohibiting Solar Collectors or other Renewable Resource Energy Devices. Many community leaders may not be aware of Section 163.04, Florida Statutes which prohibits enforcement of restrictions precluding homeowners from obtaining energy from renewable resources. Florida's legislators made sure this law applied to





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### Florida Solar Energy Laws, Incentives & Protections for ...

Contributed by Daren Goldin Until recently, Florida has lagged behind other states like California when it comes to solar energy. Unlike California and many other states, Florida lacks a renewable portfolio standard mandating that a certain proportion of the state's



#### Support Customized Product



#### [Florida Statutes § 163.3205 \(2022\)](#)

It is essential that solar facilities and associated electric infrastructure be constructed and maintained in various locations throughout this state in order to ensure the availability of ...

### Chapter 704 Section 07

Home > Laws > 2021 Florida Statutes > Title XL > Chapter 704 > Section 07 Quick Links General Laws Conversion Table (2024 Easements obtained for the purpose of maintaining exposure of a solar energy device shall be created in writing and shall be



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(2) A deed restriction, covenant, declaration, or similar binding agreement may not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting solar collectors, clotheslines, or other energy devices based on renewable resources from being installed on buildings erected on the lots or parcels covered by the deed restriction, covenant, declaration, or binding agreement.



### Lawmakers approve path to end net metering for solar energy

now 'subsidizing' their 15% Solar Power by \$15 BN annually. Florida is approaching just 1% :50 deal with utility companies, and nothing more. Excess energy credits at year-end (if any) are



### Draft Recommendations: Florida Floating Solar Facilities ...

Floating solar facilities (FSF) are defined in Florida Statute (F.S.) by reference to solar facilities, which Subsection 163.3205(2), F.S., defines as a "production facility for electric power," which:

### [Statutes & Constitution :View Statutes](#)

(e) "Renewable energy" means electrical energy produced from a method that uses one or more of the following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen produced or resulting from sources other than fossil fuels, biomass, solar energy, geothermal energy, wind energy, ocean energy, and hydroelectric power.





[Florida Statutes § 163.04 \(2023\)](#)

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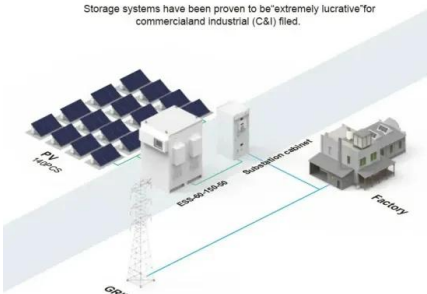
**TIP**

Tax Information Publication TIP No: 19A01-09  
Date Issued: August 9, 2019 Solar Energy Systems Sales and Use Tax Exemption Florida law exempts solar energy systems, and all components of such systems, from sales and use tax. The term "solar energy



**BASIC APPLICATION**

Storage systems have been proven to be "extremely lucrative" for commercial and industrial (C&I) firms.



**Energy Policy**

Solar Access Laws Florida Solar Rights Act Florida law forbids ordinances, deed restrictions, covenants, or similar binding agreements from prohibiting solar equipment use. Under this law, a homeowner may not be denied by "any entity granted the power or right

[Complete Guide To Florida Solar Laws](#)

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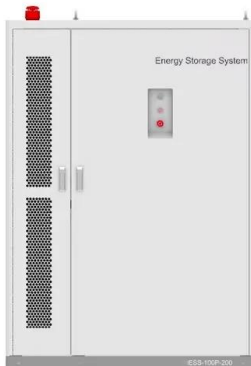
## Solar Panels in Florida: Not Illegal , Freedom Solar

All Florida residents who have solar panels must connect their system with the city's grid unless they're entirely self-sufficient. If you live in any other state, it's your choice to connect your solar panel system to the grid (self-sufficient or not).



### Florida - SEIA

Florida Solar Energy Center - Learn about recent solar research, focusing on technological, policy, and regulatory issues in and outside of Florida  
DSIRE Incentives Database Florida - Search a public clearinghouse for specific solar energy incentives in ...



### Consumer Information

Florida Statutes 489.105 (6) (6) "Contracting" means, except as exempted in this part, engaging in business as a contractor and includes, but is not limited to, performance of any of the acts as set forth in subsection (3) which define types of contractors.

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