

# Photovoltaic panels can generate electricity for heating

Energy from The SunSolar Thermal (Heat) EnergySolar Photovoltaic SystemsBenefits and LimitationsThe sun has produced energy for billions of years and is the ultimate source for all of the energy sources and fuels that we use. People have used the sun's rays (solar radiation) for thousands of years for warmth and to dry meat, fruit, and grains. Over time, people developed technologies to collect solar energy for heat and to convert it into ele...See more on eia.govPublished: Oct 2, 2024#b\_results li.b\_ans.b\_mop.b\_mopb,#b\_results li.b\_ans.b\_nonfirsttopb{border-radius:6px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05);margin-top:12px;margin-bottom:10px;padding:15px 19px 10px}#b\_results li.b\_ans.b\_mop.b\_mopb .b\_sideBleed{margin-left:-19px;margin-right:-19px}#b\_results .b\_vidAns{border-radius:6px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05);padding:16px 20px;gap:10px;background:#fff}@charset "UTF-8";#b\_results .b\_ans.b\_vidAns{box-shadow:none!important;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium) 0!important;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_th,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .cico,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_htb,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhcp,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtpc{border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-list-card-default)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{margin:0}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_channel,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_row\_channel{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf,#serpvidans.vsacf .expctn .expbody,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cico{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_ban\_lo{top:0;right:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{height:auto;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0 var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)};display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between}# serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_title,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_title{color:var(--smtc-ctrl-link-foreground-brand-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body2);height:auto;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_block\_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_block,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_block\_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_block{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_block\_area .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_row,#serpvidans.vsacf

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.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);height:var(--mai-smtc-padding-car
d-default);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:" . "}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{color:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-neutral-tertiary);padding-bottom:0}.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc_con_rc,.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc_con_rc
.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc .mc_vtvc_meta_w{height:auto}.vsacf
.b_title{padding-left:0}.vsacf .b_title
.mmtitle{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle1-strong);margin-bottom:0}.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a::after{content:"";margin:5px 5px 0 0;border-top:2px solid
var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);border-right:2px solid
var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);background-size:7px
7px;width:7px;height:7px;transform:rotate(45deg);display:inline-block;margin-left:4px}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_title .mmtitle{margin-bottom:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc{width:100%;margin-bottom:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{height:100%;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small) 0
var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)
var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-default);background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#s
erpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_title{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc,#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf
.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{position:static}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:block}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)
var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .rmts .mc_bc
ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
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.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock.rmoveoverlay{height:36px}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd
.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-i
image-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0
0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta,.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf
span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0
0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vsaf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title
strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vsaf .va_tt .b_sldrp
.slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vsaf .va_tt
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#se
rpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-co
ntent:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vsaf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion
.b_CompactExpansionBtnText{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1-strong);color:var(--bing-smtc-foregr
ound-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow{display:flex;margin:0;height:auto}#serpvidans.vsaf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow
path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsaf
.b_module_expansion_control
.b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:
1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none;padding:12px 20px 0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns
.vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless
.mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_
bs{overflow:hidden}#mc_cwvc_1770635870920 { width:356px; max-width: 100%; } .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 16px 16px 16px 16px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 139px; margin-top:
-0px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 54px; line-height: 18px; margin-bottom: 18px; margin-top: 0px; }
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 35px; } .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 147px; }
.mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 139px; } .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 200px; }
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.mc_vtvc{background-color:#fff;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);line-height:0;margin:0;position:relative;border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc.noshadow{
box-shadow:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;position:relative}.mc_vtvc>a{color:#71777d;
display:block;text-decoration:none;width:100%}.mc_vtvc>a:focus::after{outline:2px solid #00a89d;width:100%;
height:100%;content:"";outline-offset:-2px;position:absolute;top:0;left:0}.mc_vtvc_th{background-color:#d5d5d5;
position:relative}.mc_vtvc_th.cico{border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{position:absolute;vertical-align:middle}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{bottom:0}.mc_vtvc_ban_up{top:0}.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:normal;margin-bottom:11px;overflow:
hidden;color:#111;height:54px;line-height:18px}.mc_vtvc_title a{display:inline-block;color:#111}.mc_vtvc_title
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_src_ico{float:left;margin-right:4px}.mc_vtvc_act{height:16px;margin-top:-40px;padding:12px
8px;z-index:1}.mc_vtvc_actc{right:16px;bottom:16px;position:absolute;display:inline-block;z-index:1}.mc_vtvc_act_sep{border-top:1px solid #d5d5d5;height:40px;margin:0 8px}.mc_vtvc_fh
.mc_vtvc_act_sep,.mc_vtvc_fh .mc_vtvc_act{visibility:hidden}#serpvidans
.b_topTitle{margin-bottom:8px}.mc_vtvc_htc{width:100%;height:100%;position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_htb{width:100%;height:100%;background:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_ht{width:100%;padding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vertical-align:middle;text-align:center}.mc_vtvc_th_live_b{background-color:#c80000;color:#fff;display:inline-block;padding:2px
8px;font:11px/14px Arial;border-radius:2px;text-transform:uppercase;height:15px;width:26px;position:absolute;left:8px;top:110px}.isvctrl .isv
.mc_vtvc_ban_up{left:0;right:initial}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{right:0}.vt_text.b_IRight
.b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0 1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.mc_vthtb{width:100%;height:100%;background:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0;display:table}.mc_vtht{width:100%;padding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vertical-align:middle;text-align:center;display:table-cell}.vt_text.b_IRight .b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0
1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}
.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px;background-size:contain;position:absolute;margin:auto;bottom:0;top:0;left:0;right:0;box-shadow:none;border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc_center_play.rmvbg{width:32px;height:32px;background-image:none}.mc_vtvc_htb,.mc_vtvc_ht{display:none}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_htb{display:table}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_ht{display:table-cell}.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:inline-block}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:none}.mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:163px}.vsarf .mc_vtvc
.vtmu,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:122px}.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:137px}.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc
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.mv_vtvc_play{display:inline-block;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:9px;height:8px;width:7px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{background:url(/rp/Lp38sn_O4jegSK0IHxZVxyp-yKQ.png) -172px
-31px;display:inline-block;height:8px;width:12px;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:6px}.vtbc
.pivot{height:20px;width:8px;min-width:8px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{background:url(
MAAADHKvg1AAAAIVBMVEX//////////9/gMdvAAAACnRSTIMAETNEVWwImbv
uo4D1oAAAAB9JREFUCB1jmMoABKuaQcSqQhCxCkFGgLhNQIkpQAwA8zkLyQA16F0AAAAASUVO
RK5CYII=)}.mc_bc_w{height:18px;padding:8px;text-align:right}.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);p
adding:2px
8px;line-height:14px;color:#fff;display:inline-block;vertical-align:middle;border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}
.mc_bc_w .pivot{text-align:center;margin-right:1px;height:14px}.vsarr .mmgrid .mc_bc_w
.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);opacity:1}.mmsi{height:16px;width:16px;position:relative;top:5px;
padding-right:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}.mmsi-microsoftnews,.mmsi-msn{top:3px}.vrhdata
{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
.pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"] .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhvc.pffv
.vrhol{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhvc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th img{transition:all .3s
ease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--ma
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg) center
no-repeat;mask-size:12px;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-card-on-image-default);width:20px;height
:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvi{width:22px;height:22px;mask-size:16px}[data-tps="S"] .pffvt{font-size:0}[data-tps="S"]
.pffvi{width:24px;height:24px;mask-size:24px;align-self:center}.hvpv.h5s
.pffvt{display:inline-flex}.hvpv.h5s .vrhvc.pffv .vrhol{display:none}.hvpv.h5s .vrhvc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.pffvt{text-decoration:underline}.vrhc
.vrhol{position:absolute;width:100%;height:35px;max-height:35px;bottom:0;left:0;padding:0;background:non
e;display:block;z-index:9}.vrhvc .vrhol.hide,.vrhvc .vrhol
.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;po
sition:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-
radius:2px;padding-right:8px}.vrhot div{display:inline-block}.vrhot
nt{color:#fff;font-size:11px;font-weight:bold;background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);padding:2px
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#fff}.vrhc.mousefollow{position:fixed}.vrhcp{position:relative;top:0;left:0;display:table-row}.vrhcp
.vrhtc{position:relative;overflow:hidden}.vrhc.hide{display:none}@keyframes
vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc:not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
img{color:transparent}.vrhc
line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc: hover,.vrhc: link,.vrhc: active,.vrhc: visited{color:#000;text-decoration:none}
.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none}
.vrhstat{height:0;overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; }
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title {
height: 44px; line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom:
120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; } .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin:10px 1px 0}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px;padding:0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:400;font-size:16px;height:44px;line-height:22px;margin-bottom:0;margin-top:0;c
olor:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
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Solar PV panels generate electricity, as described above, while solar thermal panels generate heat. While the energy source is the same - the sun - the technology in each system is different.

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Photovoltaic (PV) systems convert sunlight directly into electricity, while thermal systems produce thermal energy for residential heating systems such as hot water or space heaters. The ...

Photovoltaic panels are another approach to harness solar energy for heating purposes. These panels convert sunlight into electricity, which can power electric heating systems such as heat ...

The short answer is yes, solar panels can heat a house. But the "how" is more interesting than a simple yes or no. It involves two distinct technologies with different price tags and efficiencies.

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