



Learn more about solar classes offered by PG&E

Thinking about going solar? Want to learn more about the financial incentives available? Interested in spreading the word about solar in your community? Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) offers a wide-range of solar classes at no charge to provide the tools and support necessary to make informed solar decisions.

Whether you're a homeowner, business owner, solar professional or just an interested consumer, there's a class that fits your interests and schedule. Classes are held at locations throughout PG&E's territory, as well as online. For dates and locations, and to register for a class, please visit www.pge.com/solarclasses. You can also get more information about the dates and times of the classes, target audience and suggested prerequisites.

Classes

Basics of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems for Grid-tied Applications

This is a 6-hour class providing the basic vocabulary, technical and economic details necessary to understand and evaluate PV projects from a project manager's and/or owner's perspective. The discussion will include the advantages and disadvantages of various PV technologies, including module efficiencies and their implications on the space requirements of a project.

California Solar Initiative (CSI) Workshop

This workshop is designed for anyone interested in the process of going solar and the rebates and incentive programs associated with it, including the California Solar Initiative. The California Solar Initiative program provides incentives to existing residential and business customers installing solar systems, and this class describes the CSI process and paperwork.

California Solar Initiative (CSI) Thermal Workshop

This class is designed to provide a thorough understanding of the CSI-Thermal water heating program, its requirements, and the application process. This is a mandatory workshop for contractors and self-installers that wish to participate. The program provides incentives to eligible residential and non-residential customers that install solar water heating systems at their home or business.

Inspecting PV Systems for Code Compliance

This class covers in detail the issues pertaining to inspecting and permitting of photovoltaic grid-tied systems in all sectors, including commercial, industrial, small business, multifamily and residential. Designed for building inspectors, plan checkers, fire officials, PV installers, designers, engineers and architects who wish to stay on top of the latest code compliance issues to help facilitate safe and long-lasting PV systems.

Photovoltaic Site Analysis and System Sizing

This 6-hour intermediate class is designed to assist participants in evaluating the technical feasibility of a potential PV project by presenting implementation issues that affect site selection and PV installation. The course will also provide participants with simple tools for preliminary system size estimations.

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Solar Power Basics for Homeowners

This is a 2-hour introductory class providing the fundamentals of solar electric systems. The class is designed to give customers the tools and information necessary to determine if solar is appropriate for their home or business. Hear about current market-ready solar power technologies and the key steps necessary to own a solar electric system. This class is also available in video form at www.pge.com/ondemandenergyclasses.

Solar Water Heating: Advanced Commercial Systems

This course is a follow-up to the basic solar water heating class and focuses on larger-scale commercial systems. It is recommended that students attend the basic course first.

Solar Water Heating Systems

This course provides an overview of the design, specification and installation aspects of solar water heating systems for residential applications. The course is intended to provide contractors, architects and designers with the information necessary to estimate system costs and savings, design and specify systems and review installation issues that will guarantee proper system operation.

Understanding Financial Analysis Methods for Residential Photovoltaic Systems

This course provides solar professionals with an overview of solar electric (PV) system costs and approximate savings for residential systems. Detailed information on each of the state and federal incentives available (including rebates, tax credits, performance-based incentives and depreciation) and how to apply and receive them will also be addressed.

Online Classes

PG&E has an extensive list of webinars on a variety of solar topics including, but not limited to the following:

- Multifamily Affordable Solar Homes (MASH) Program
- Financial Options for Solar
- Maintenance and Safety of Solar Systems
- Understanding Your Solar Bill
- California Solar Initiative Online Tool and Statistics
- New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Program

You can register for webinars at pge.com/solarclasses.

For more information about going solar with PG&E, visit www.pge.com/solar, send us an email at solar@pge.com or call **1-877-743-4112**.