LET’S TALK ABOUT SOLAR!

MAIN POINTS:

* Max system size of 10kW
* We DO NOT provide net metering
* Hohokam Irrigation will credit your solar over generation (unused solar generation, that transfers to the electrical grid) at .04 per kilowatt hour, and this credit is issued against your account bill, monthly.
* We do not have a special solar billing plan, all electric purchased is billed under our normal rate structure.
* Onetime solar startup fee of $150.00 (for a second meter that tracks your solar generation)

## Answers to commonly asked questions:

**Q: I want to ask about solar … or do you allow solar?**

A: sure, we do allow solar systems, what are your questions? I’ll try to help you with answers!

**Q: Is there a solar startup fee?**

A: There is a onetime fee of $150.00 for a special solar meter that is installed once your system is ready. This meter tracks and stores data for your total solar generation and is in addition to a second meter that will track and store data for total energy to and from the grid.

**Q: Can you recommend a solar installer?**

A: No, I’m sorry we do not provide recommendations!

Note: We never want a customer unhappy with his solar purchase and then putting any blame on us saying “this was the company YOU recommended!” That is why we don’t provide recommendations.

**Q: Will I still have a bill from Hohokam Power?**

A: Yes, you will still have a bill or payment due to Hohokam monthly, the amount will depend on how much power you use. For example, if you own a pool, A Hot Tub, or A shop/garage with equipment; these types of loads can easily create a larger power draw than what the solar array can generate. That means the power grid would be making up the difference. Or if there were several cloudy days, that will impact how much solar energy you can produce.

Further you can minimize your dependency on the electric grid by strategically taking advantage of your solar generation during daylight hours to do your cooking and laundry, run your dishwasher, your pool pump, charge your electronic devices etc. Unless you purchase a back-up battery for your solar system, solar generation is not stored, and you will be drawing energy from the grid from sunset to sun rise.

**Q: How do I (or my solar installer) apply for a solar connection on my account with Hohokam?**

A: Please complete our [solar application and agreement](https://www.ed2.com/viewer/web/viewer.html?file=/downloads/service/ELECTRICAL-DISTRICT-2-SOLAR-POWER-APP-03132018-1.pdf) found on our website hohokamthepowerofchoice.com, sign and date it, then email it along with your solar contract and system proposal and drawings to [solarapps@ed2.com](mailto:solarapps@ed2.com). An ED2 representative will review your application and system and will follow up with you on approval and install schedule for your solar meters.

**Q: My solar installer needs to upgrade my service panel to accommodate my solar system. How can I schedule this electrical upgrade? (They often refer to this as a solar derate)**

A: Please contact our [office](https://www.ed2.com/contact/) for a temporary disconnect request with a date and time you want to do your electrical upgrade on. Please allow 48 hours’ notice on service order requests.

Note: Provide the caller/customer with a choice timeframe window of 7am to 11am or 12pm to 3pm on the day they choose-with a minimum of 48 hours’ notice of that day. Instruct the caller to be present at the start of the chosen timeframe and to remain on site until an ED2 meter technician arrives for the temporary disconnect. **If no one is present when the technician arrives, he will leave, and they will have to reschedule the service request.** Our meter technicians likely will not call, so solar tech needs to be on site during the appointment window provided, we will attempt to arrive as early as possible in that timeframe.

Then create a general service order dated for the day requested, with detailed instructions for the meter crew in the service comments section. For Example:

“TUESDAY MORNING AUG 31ST – NEEDING A TEMPORARY DISCONNECT AND METER PULLED SO SOLAR TECH CAN

UPGRADE THE BREAKER PANEL, FOR SOLAR INSTALL PREP. CUSTOMER/TECH WAS GIVEN TIMEFRAME OF 7AM-11AM

AND ADVISED TO BE ON SITE AT 7AM AND REMAIN ON SITE UNTIL WE ARRIVE.

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**Q: Do you recommend a solar system purchase (or lease)?**

A: If your main goal is environmental responsibility, then a solar system can be a helpful aid to our environment. If you’re interested in solar primarily for financial gain, it can take considerable time to see a return on your profit! Most people can expect to see a savings around $100 to $150.00 a month. It all depends on your personal circumstances and your diligence to be efficient at utilizing your solar energy. **Keep in mind if you have a solar lease, your lease payment will likely negate any electrical savings**. Above all, I advise you to do thorough research before you make your decision. Today was a good step into that research! Thank you for calling us.

For any technical questions or for further discussion, please have caller email our solar department at [solarapps@ed2.com](mailto:solarapps@ed2.com) and someone will get back with them shortly.