



Do I need to speak to Council about INSTALLING SOLAR/RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS?

North Sydney Council encourages the installation of renewable energy systems. In certain cases you will need to speak to the Council planning team, use the table below as a guide:



SOLAR ELECTRIC PANELS (PV PANELS)

	Is your home or business a heritage-listed item or in a heritage conservation area?	
Orientation	YES	NO
FOR A 10 KW SYSTEM OR SMALLER:		
Solar panels NOT visible from a road at the point where the road adjoins your property's boundary	Most likely OK, and no need for a Development Application (DA)	Go ahead – no need to speak with Council, though ring if unsure
Solar panels are visible from a road at the point where the road adjoins your property's boundary	Typically not allowed, select a different orientation	
FOR A 10 KW SYSTEM OR GREATER:		
Call Council planners at first opportunity to seek guidance. A Development Application (DA) will be required for any orientation.		



HOT WATER SYSTEMS – SOLAR HOT WATER

	Is your home or business a heritage-listed item or in a heritage conservation area?	
Orientation	YES	NO
Solar collector NOT visible from a road at the point where the road adjoins your property's boundary	Go ahead – no need to speak with Council, though ring if unsure	Go ahead – no need to speak with Council, though ring if unsure
Solar collector visible from a road at the point where the road adjoins your property's boundary	Typically not allowed, select a different roof orientation or consider heat pumps	



HOT WATER SYSTEMS – HEAT PUMP

Is your home or business a heritage-listed item or in a heritage conservation area?

YES	NO
If a two-part system, place the outdoor unit of heat-pump in a discreet location from the street view, or behind a decorative screen	Go ahead – no need to speak with Council, though ring if unsure



SPACE HEATING – WITH REVERSE CYCLE AIR CONDITIONERS

Place the outdoor unit of heat pump in a discreet location from the street view, or behind a decorative screen.	Go ahead – no need to speak with Council, though ring if unsure
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CHECK IF YOUR HOME IS HERITAGE-LISTED OR IN A HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA:

1. Go to <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/find-a-property>
2. Enter your address and click on "Property Report" (green button on the right)
3. If applicable, heritage planning controls are listed on page 1 of the property report
4. Read through applicable State Environmental Planning controls to have an informed discussion with Council



PLANNING GUIDE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS



IS YOUR PROPERTY A STATE-LISTED HERITAGE ITEM OR IN A HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA?

Please talk to Council's Planning Advisors at 9936 8100.



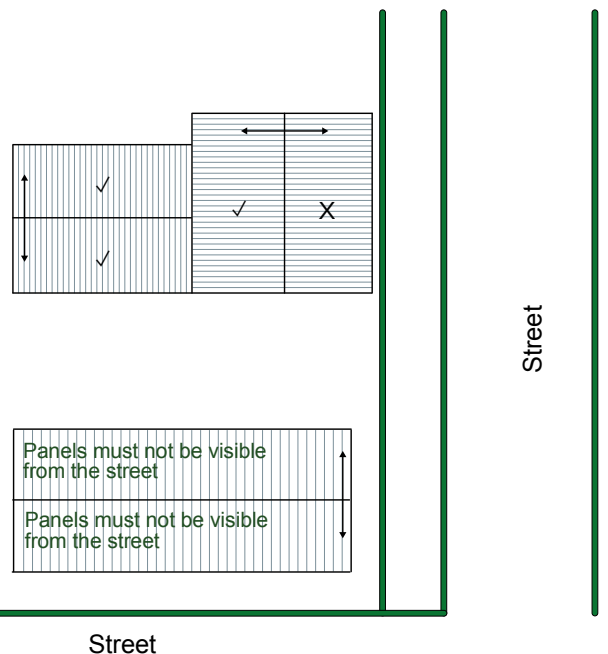
THINKING ABOUT RENOVATING?

Include solar panels in your Development Application (DA) if you have a heritage-listed home, if your house is in a heritage conservation area, or if your solar system is over 10 kW in size.

Know where you can place your solar panels or solar hot water collector:

This drawing shows the roof plan and the relative position of a building to a street. You may place solar panels, solar roof tiles or solar collectors on any roof surface that is not visible from street frontages. Acceptable locations for solar systems are marked with a tick. For locations marked with an 'X', you will need to talk to Council's planning department.

Where your property is a corner block, you need to make sure that solar panels, solar roof tiles or solar collectors are not visible from either street. If you have a simple hip roof but no front facing roof plane (like in the diagram to the right) the solar panels, solar roof tiles or solar collectors panels should not be visible from the street.



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Contact Our Energy Future helpline

Our Energy Future is an organisation providing independent energy efficiency and renewable energy advice for residents in the North Sydney area.

Call 1300 339 915



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