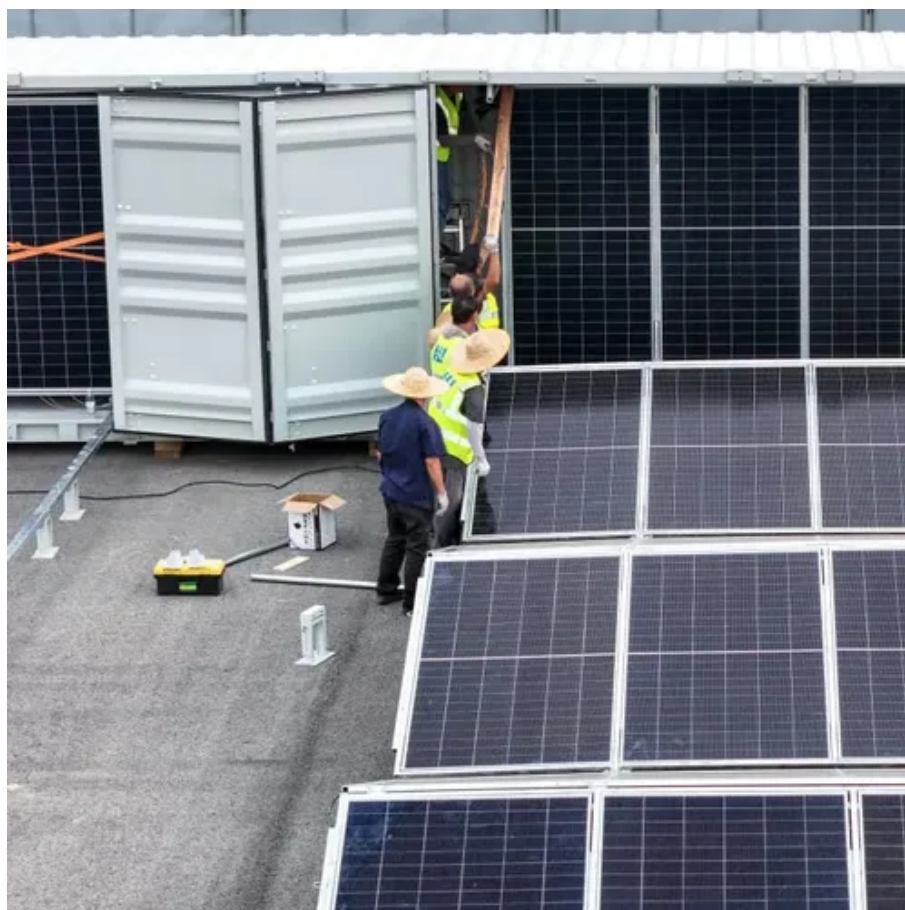




# What to do with large quantities of old photovoltaic panels





## Overview

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Up to 96% of a solar panel's materials—like glass, aluminum, and silicon—can be recycled or reused. In this guide, we'll cover everything you need to know about solar panel disposal, including where to recycle old panels, the risks of landfill dumping, and how to stay compliant. As solar installations expand globally, we face a new, important challenge: managing photovoltaic (PV) modules at the end of their operational life. This guide will help you understand the critical processes of PV module recycling and reuse, ensuring solar energy remains a truly sustainable. What happens when the solar panels powering your home or business reach the end of their useful life?

This question becomes more pressing as numerous panels installed during the early solar boom are nearing retirement. Solar panels typically last 25-30 years before their efficiency significantly. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), with the average lifespan of solar panels ranging between 25-30 years, a considerable volume of the panels we use today will need to be retired in the decades to come. It is estimated that the world will produce around 78 million. It provides general recommendations to assess whether to resell or recycle used solar panels. If not handled properly, these panels could end up in landfills, where some of their materials can be harmful to the environment. It involves multiple steps starting from collecting and transporting to disassembly and separation of the components. In this article, we'll take a deep dive into solar panel recycling to find out what the process involves and what YOU can.



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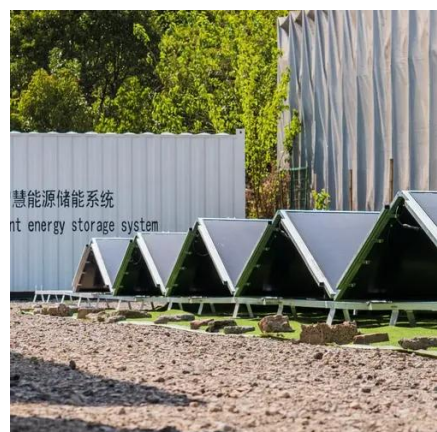


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