

## Solar Energy South Africa

# The best time to clean photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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We get most of our energy output from our solar panels during spring and summer as the weather improves and the ideal time to clean solar panels tends to be in early to mid-spring. When is the best time to clean solar panels?

The best time to clean solar panels is early morning or late evening during spring or summer, preferably on an overcast day. It's best to avoid cleaning the panels when they're hot from the sun. Make sure you turn the power off on the panels and the inverters before cleaning the panels. Check your solar panel instruction booklet for how to do this.

Do solar panels need cleaning?

There are some instances where solar panels might need cleaning, but most of the evidence says solar panels are self-sufficient and low-maintenance. We'll get to the best way to clean your solar panels in a minute.

How often should solar panels be cleaned?

Where solar panels are located also has a bearing on how to clean solar panels and how often they need to be cleaned to remain efficient. As a general rule, they should be cleaned at least once or twice a year. But in some locations, they may benefit from more frequent cleaning.

Can you clean solar panels in summer?

Summer is still possible to clean solar panels but is less than ideal. This is because using a hose pipe to spray cold water on the panels in hot weather may potentially damage them, so on these occasions it is best to do this in the early morning or in the evening.

How much does it cost to clean solar panels?

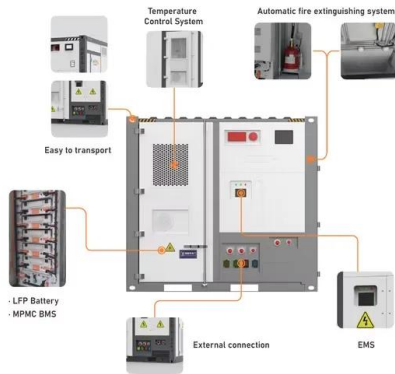
As a rule of thumb, cleaning your solar panels shouldn't cost more than whatever savings you may be making from solar energy. Solar Panel: "Clean me please!" Bluesel home solar estimates that the national average cost for a

residential solar cleaning project ranges between \$150 and \$330. The billing per panel costs anywhere between \$15 and \$35.

Can a window cleaner clean solar panels?

Alternatively, some window cleaners offer solar panel cleaning services. While they may not be able to identify any issues with the solar panels where a specialist could, it is an option for a routine clean after bad weather, rather than as technical maintenance. How often should solar panels be cleaned?

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### Cleaning Solar Panels: Maintenance Dos and Don'ts

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### Are You Meant To Clean Your Solar Panels?

The best time to clean your Solar Panels is either early morning, on an overcast day, or late evening. Do Self Cleaning Solar Panels Exist? The price to clean a Solar Panel Array depends on the size of the PV System and ...

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When is the best time to ask for help from solar panel cleaning experts? A bit of dust buildup may not be much of a problem and may be able to be tackled with your garden hose. If your solar panels are heavily soiled or ...

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