



CanREA's Go Solar Guide

Checklist of questions to ask your installer

- Have you secured a net-metering or utility connection agreement with your local or provincial utility and received permission to proceed?
- Have you checked provincial electricity rates and understand the rules for banking credits and electricity exports?
- Have you checked references and qualifications for the contractor you have chosen?
- How long has your contractor been in business? Will they be around if something needs fixing in future?
- Do you have a copy of warranty materials?
- Have you checked your roof condition and are you satisfied that it will hold up for the next 20 years?
- Are there any structural or electrical conditions you need to address before proceeding with installation?
- Have you and your installer assessed and addressed any potential shading issues, now or in the future, that may affect power production?
- Have you and/or your contractor calculated average annual power output in kilowatt hours for your system? This will give you a sense of how large your electricity bill savings will be.
- Is your system sized appropriately for your average annual consumption level?
- Have you factored in financing costs (including leasing) in calculating your system costs and savings?
- Who will take care of any necessary building or electrical inspections?
- Who will apply for provincial incentives (if available) and what are the rules for accessing these?
- Do you need to inform your insurance company about this new addition to your building?

For more information, see CanREA's [Go Solar Guide](#).