

Reuse of waste photovoltaic panels



Overview

Find out how solar panels are recycled and where to take your end-of-life solar panels for recycling. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency. More than 85% percent of a solar photovoltaic (PV) module is made of materials we already know how to recycle, like aluminum and glass. However, solar panel recycling—and recycling overall—is not currently cost-effective or widely adopted. Solar panels sometimes contain toxic metals, which means they may be subject to the Dangerous Waste Regulations, chapter 173-303 WAC.

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