

This course gives you an introduction to the fundamentals of solar power as it applies to solar panel system installations. You will learn to compare solar energy to other energy resources and explain how solar panels, or photovoltaics (PV for short), convert



Solar energy is the radiation from the Sun capable of producing heat, causing chemical reactions, or generating electricity. The total amount of solar energy received on Earth is vastly more than the world's current and anticipated energy requirements. If suitably



If you're seeking to grasp the essentials of solar energy, our Solar 101 guide efficiently lays out how sunlight becomes electricity, compares panel types, and assesses solar costs and savings. We're here to illuminate the straightforward steps to harness the sun's power without the fluff.

## **BASICS OF SOLAR ENERGY**





Solar energy is radiant energy from the sun???a fully renewable energy resource. We use the solar resource to provide daylight, electricity, and heat in four ways (in order of prevalence): Indirect: Our primary use of the sun's energy is for free light and warmth (not counted in the data below but important for energy efficiency)