

If your home has solar panels, it's important to ensure that you make the most out of the free electricity generated by them.

This may mean you need to change your day-to-day routines and make simple changes such as using your washing machine or dish washer during the day rather than the evening.

How do they work?

Solar photovoltaic (or PV) panels convert the energy in daylight into electricity for your home. Any electricity that you don't use is exported to the National Grid or stored in a battery, if there is one installed.

On days where you use more electricity than the panels produce, your power will come from your supplier, and you will be charged for it. You may use more power, and solar panels may produce less electricity, on days when there is reduced daylight.

Helpful Hints

To make the most of your solar panels run high-usage appliances during the day, charge your electrical items during the daylight hours and be mindful how many appliances you run at one time.

