



A note to roofers, and homeowners about Photo Voltaic (solar electric)

HOMEOWNERS

If you are considering solar power (photo voltaic) on your roof, as a homeowner please be aware of the condition of your roof. When it comes time to re-roof your home a professional uninstal of the roof mounted PV array will be required by a PV installer before the roofer can do their job, so please take special note of your roof condition before installing a PV system as a reroof soon means extra money you will have to spend. It may be a smart idea to reroof now if there is any concern for the integrity and lifespan left of your roofing system.

An inspection from a roofing contractor before installing a PV system would even be recommended, you may feel that your roof is adequate, but your roofer is more qualified to judge roof condition before installing the PV array.

A roof's working life can range anywhere from 15 to 50 years, and a PV system's service life theoretically could exceed 30 years. So you should plan for the lifespan of the roof in harmony with the installation of your PV system. Ideally a roof replacement with the installation of the PV system would insure that they most likely will live the same lifespan without having to be removed before a reroof is needed, if you think you may need a reroof in the life of the PV array please consult your PV installer with what the projected cost will be for the removal and reinstallation of the solar panels after the roofing project. So you can budget accordingly for the project in the future, ideally get the cost of it included in the contract if possible.

ROOFING CONTRACTORS

Please understand and respect the PV array mounted to the roof, this is a power source, constantly producing electricity and should be treated with as much respect as finding live power lines lying on the roof. You need to get a qualified Photo Voltaic contractor to remove the panels, and re-install them once you have replaced the roof.

Not only is it an extreme hazard of electrocution, they are very costly to replace should you break or damage one.

Any roof job you do, you should be proactive in watching for roof mounted PV array, if you find them and have any questions do not hesitate to call our office.

Please call with any questions Uintah County Community Development (435)781-5336