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In an effort to encourage Americans to use solar power, the US government offers tax credits for solar systems. The Inflation Reduction Act renamed and extended the existing solar tax credit through 2034 for solar system installations on residential property. It also increased the credit's value. Let's take a closer look at some of the benefits of the solar tax credit and how you can claim it.

When you purchase solar equipment for your home and have tax liability, you generally can claim a solar tax credit to lower your tax bill. The Residential Clean Energy Credit is non-refundable meaning that it can offset your income tax liability dollar-for-dollar, but any excess credit won't be refunded. If the credit exceeds your tax liability for the year, you can "roll over" the unused portion to future years so long as the credit remains in effect.

There are no income limits on the solar tax credit, so all individual taxpayers are eligible to claim the credit on qualifying solar energy equipment investments made to their homes within the United States.

You take the amount of your Residential Clean Energy Credit directly off your total tax, rather than as a deduction from your taxable income. If the credit exceeds the amount of income tax you owe, the credit can take your liability to zero, but you can't use the credit to get money back from the IRS. However, you can carry the unused portion of the credit over to the following tax year.

But since the installation of solar power equipment can be costly, the federal solar tax credit can help you offset some of the costs. Some states also offer incentives like sales tax rebates or other programs meant to lower the cost of going solar. Additionally, some utilities offer assistance in making solar more affordable for their customers.

Installing renewable energy equipment on your home can qualify you for Residential Clean Energy credit of up to 30% of your total qualifying cost, depending on the year the equipment is installed and placed in service.

You can't claim the Residential Clean Energy solar tax credit for installing solar power at rental properties you own unless you also live in the house for part of the year and use it as a rental when you're away.

The residential solar tax credit has been extended through 2034 and expanded in value, so now might be a great time to add solar energy to your home. The tax credit can lower the effective cost of going solar while also lowering your overall carbon emissions produced compared to using conventional power sources. When combined with other energy efficiency home improvement credits made more accessible and worthwhile by the Inflation Reduction Act, investments in qualifying energy-related improvements have become more financially rewarding for homeowners to install.



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