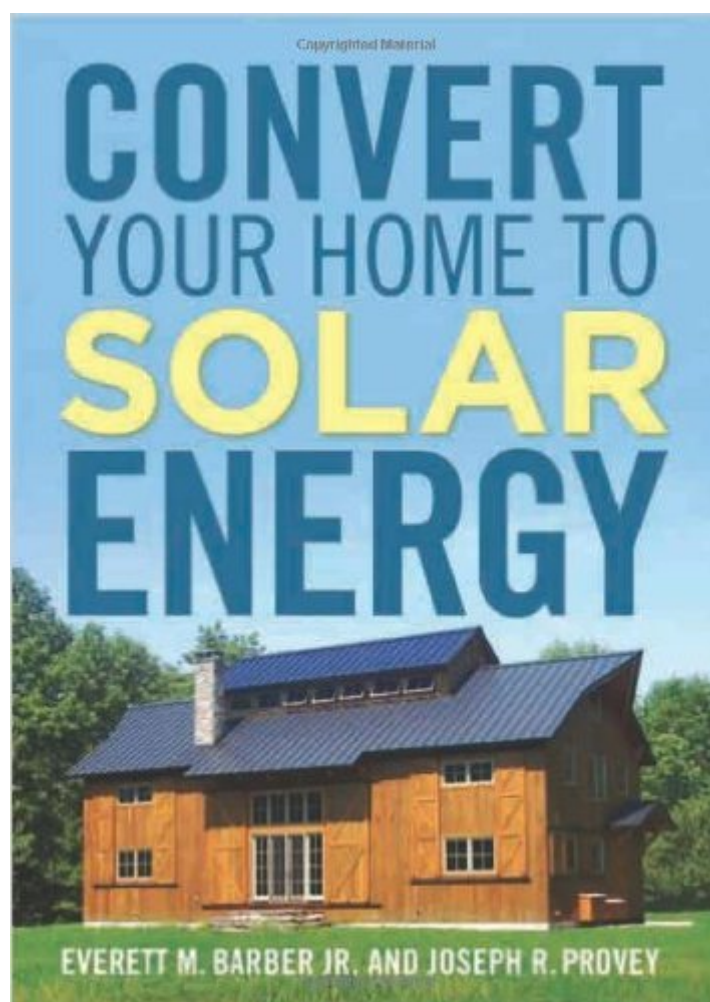


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# Convert Your Home To Solar Energy



## Synopsis

his definitive homeowner's guide to solar energy has arrived at just the right time. With the cost of heating oil and electricity fluctuating wildly, consumers are clamoring for information on alternative energy. This source book covers all the relevant technologies, including solar space and water heating, as well as photovoltaic electricity. It's practical (with cost calculators, tips on taking advantage of rebates and tax incentives, and advice on finding specialized contractors). And it's authoritative, written by a recognized expert in the field, Everett Barber, Jr., who has 30 years' experience installing all kinds of solar energy systems. Co-author Joseph Provey has been writing about the topic for almost as long. Together, they cover every facet of planning, installing, operating, and maintaining a residential solar energy system.

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When I saw an advertisement for this book in Solar Today, I immediately bought 4 copies. You see, I own a solar energy systems sales, engineering, design, and installation business and am always looking for good materials to use to train new staff. Convert Your Home to Solar Energy is the best one of the half-dozen or so introductory books I've read. (There are still several books I intend to read, such as "Power from the Sun" by Dan Chiras, which looks to be the perfect follow-up to "Convert Your Home...".) This book is now our standard training guide for our Introduction to Solar Energy course, given to all new staff members, regardless of their experience or background. This works because the book is extremely friendly to newcomers and has plenty of breadth and specific detail so that a veteran solar energy professional can add significantly to their breadth of

knowledge. I especially love this book because it has all of the basic answers to questions that anyone new to the field inevitably has. Questions such as "How do you size a solar collector for pool heating" come up regularly and now we have a go-to reference for all of the common types of solar energy systems. This is super handy. This review isn't about me, but I think it would be helpful to know my background so you understand the viewpoint I applied while reading the book. I'm a mechanical and electrical engineer (degree in mechanical) and a certified energy professional holding a NABCEP certification. I've been selling, designing, and installing solar systems full time for over 3 years and founded a solar business with 6 employees with four more being hired as of this writing. Now back to the book...

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