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Information on Installation of a Residential Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System

The Borough is committed to ensuring that permitting required for the installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system at your home as painless and quick as possible.

Required Permits

For most systems, only a Solar Installation Permit will be required. For rooftops systems where the panels do not flush with the roof, and for all ground mount arrays, a Zoning Permit will also be required.

Contractor Requirements

Contractors must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and must provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Permit Fees

Fees for the Solar Installation Permit and the Zoning Permit are set annually by resolution of Borough Council and can be found on the website. ***Please note that the applicant will be responsible for obtaining a third party electrical inspection to certify that the system has been installed in accordance with the submitted application. The cost of this inspection is not set by the Borough and depends on the location and size of the array.***

Submission and Review Process Timeline

Permits may be submitted in person at Borough Hall or by mail, fax or e-mail. Most permit reviews can be completed within three business days if all required information is included. Inspection requirements will be included on the permit. No inspection prior to installation is required, and usually only one inspection is required after installation is complete. All permits expire six (6) months after date of issue.

What steps do I need to take to get approval from PECO?

While the Borough is not directly involved with requirements for interconnection to the power grid, we are happy to offer assistance with the process if needed. Requirements and more information can be found at:

<https://www.peco.com/SmartEnergy/MyGreenPowerConnection/Pages/SolarFAQs.aspx>

Questions?

Visit the "Solar Smart Swarthmore" page on the Borough website or contact the Borough office.