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Top 5 Solar Cleaning Tips

Solar systems are pretty low maintenance, especially in sunny climates like Arizona's. But they last longest and work best when they're well maintained. These five maintenance tips will help you **lengthen the life** of your solar system, ensure **optimal energy production**, and **increase the benefits** you're getting from your investment.

1. Monitor your energy production.

While energy production varies based on factors like the weather, be sure to **check for drastic or sudden dips** that could mean your system isn't working properly. You can see the reading, in kilowatt-hours (kWh), on your system's monitoring portal online or on your app.

2. Don't use soap or chemicals on your panels.

In places like **Arizona with little rain** and lots of dust in the air, occasional cleaning with water can improve solar panels' performance. Stick with water, though! Soap and chemicals can leave a film or on your panels or even cause the surface to degrade, and that can negatively impact your solar production.

3. Leave the snow. It'll melt!

If you're in Phoenix, you can move right on past this tip! But for folks in places like Flagstaff, read on. Solar panels are dark and slick, so snow melts and slides off pretty quickly with a little sunshine. Once your panels are clear (even partially), they'll start generating electricity again. Since cleaning off snow isn't necessary, there's **no sense risking a fall**.

4. Keep your installer contract handy.

The contract you signed with your solar installer can include instructions for requesting maintenance services, pricing for routine inspections, and a description of how your monitoring system will alert you to production problems. Be sure to **keep it filed** someplace you can easily find it.

5. Get checkups.

We recommend getting a check-up every 3 to 5 years to ensure things remain in good working order. Your installer or any qualified solar professional can inspect your system.

BONUS! Enjoy discounts on cleaning services!

We've teamed up with Sun Clean Solar to provide discounted solar cleaning services. This is a great option if your panels are getting dusty and your system needs a boost!

Request service at: <https://bit.ly/3kDKU0x>

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