

## **Avoid Solar Scammers!**©

Warning! Watch out for scammers using these fraudulent tactics to persuade homeowners to sign contracts for solar panels:

1. Door-to-door salespeople who wear safety vests, flash ID tags with LG&E logos, say they "work with LG&E" and/or ask to see your LG&E bill. Show interest in solar power? They will ask to come in and then all but refuse to leave without a signed contract. Note: Reputable solar installers do not go door-to-door. If one comes to your door, don't answer any questions. If comfortable, ask to see a solicitation permit; if not shown one, please use the Contact Us form at the bottom of all of the LCAN website's pages to tell us the visit date.



- 2. Digital or print ads offering free solar panels or full-cost government payments to individuals who install the seller's panels. (Solar panels earn a 30% federal tax credit and rebates to nonprofits of at least 30%, but's installation still requires investment.)
- 3. Offers to homeowners who sign loan agreements to skip payments for one year after which their reduced electric bills would be used to show others how well solar panels work—even when their roofs are shaded.
- 4. Proposals to install solar panels on roofs that receive very little sunshine, because they face north or are shaded by taller buildings next door or overhead trees.
- 5. Claims to have installed solar panels for LCAN staff. Note: There are only two local solar installers who have been invited to join the LCAN network: Solar Energy Solutions and SunWind Power Systems. (There may be other quality solar installers in our area, but we haven't seen enough of their work to invite them to join.)

Interested in installing solar panels? Please consult the <u>LCAN solar power web page</u>, if not register to attend an LCAN <u>B4UBuy Workshop</u>.

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