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### West Asia recycled solar panels

Will solar panel waste be recycled?

The government plans to submit legislation during the ordinary parliamentary session starting this month to establish a recycling system for the waste. But problems remain. At present, the annual amount of solar panel waste is below 100,000 tons. But the amount is seen beginning to soar in the mid-2030s and exceeding 300,000 tons by 2040.

#### Can crystalline silicon solar panels be recycled?

But the rest of the module, which includes silicon cells coated in a silver electrode sand and contains tin and lead soldering, is rarely recycled due to cost concerns. In China, there is no guideline for the full recovery of large-scale recycling of crystalline silicon solar panels.

#### How many solar panels are discarded a year?

The annual amount of solar panels discarded as waste is seen peaking at some 500,000 tonsin the early 2040s, putting a major strain on industrial waste treatment facilities. The government plans to submit legislation during the ordinary parliamentary session starting this month to establish a recycling system for the waste. But problems remain.

#### What are solar panels made of?

Solar panels comprise glass, aluminum frames and other materials. Glass, accounting for about 60% of the panel weight, can be reused to make materials such as glass wool, which is used as road construction and insulation materials.



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