

## What supporting facilities are needed for solar on-site energy

How can on-site solar PV & energy storage improve sustainability?

To achieve sustainability goals while meeting the increasing electricity demands of electrification, organizations are pairing on-site solar PV generation with on-site energy storage. These systems, which are considered as "behind-the-meter" (BTM) systems, allow facilities to maximize the benefits of on-site renewable generation.

#### Can on-site storage be used alongside solar PV?

If a utility restricts the exports from a facility to the grid, the use of on-site storage alongside solar PV can provide a solution to avoid costly infrastructure upgrades, thus increasing the feasibility of larger on-site PV installations.

#### What are the benefits of an on-site solar PV system?

For the scenario represented in the graph, an on-site solar PV system allows the facility to reduce the amount of electricity drawn from the grid during the middle of the day. Increasing the amount of solar PV production on-site can provide additional cost and emission reductions and resiliency benefits for facilities.

### How much roof space does a solar system need?

would require on the order of 500 square feetof usable roof space (average of 1 kilowatt per 100 square feet) to install the solar panels. However,homes with a higher than average level of energy efficiency,such as those meeting ENERGY STAR® Homes Standards,may not necessitate an average-sized system.

#### Should solar PV production be reduced on-site?

Increasing the amount of solar PV production on-site can provide additional cost and emission reductions and resiliency benefits for facilities. However, the additional generation that can result from larger systems during peak daylight hours must be exported or managed through curtailment on-site.

#### What is a solar site evaluation?

This training discusses issues related to conducting a detailed site evaluation which will identify potential barriers such as solar policy, site plans and usage, technical feasibility, economic factors, land use permitting, and mounting type. This template is designed to help users collect information about potential solar project sites.



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