Streamlining Solar Permitting with SolarAPP+

Licensed contractors can now submit:

- Residential roof-mounted photovoltaic designs for automated review through SolarAPP+; and an online application for an auto-issued permit.

Using SolarAPP+

Step 1: Eligibility to Use SolarAPP+

- Main dwelling rooftop, permitted, residential structures only
- No ballasted systems
- No systems with battery backup (coming soon)
- No building-integrated photovoltaic systems (BIPV)
- Please review the SolarAPP+ Eligibility Checklist for acceptable projects
- Licensed Contractors Only

Step 2: Submit for Automated Review through SolarApp+

- Submit Solar/Photovoltaic design at solarapp.nrel.gov.
- Click Login or Register to get started.
- Have Contractors license information available to complete this step.
- A processing fee will be charged by SolarApp+ NREL.

Step 3: Apply for Permit

- Apply for a permit online via the actonline.saccounty.net/Citizen Access.
- Click Login or Register to get started.
- Click on Building
- Click on Apply for a Building Permit
- Read Important Note, scroll down to accept the above terms.
- Click on Residential Solar Permit with SolarApp (SolarApp+ Contractors Only)
- Follow the Work Requirement prompts to make payment online, print the provided permit documents and have available at the site for inspections.
Step 4: Schedule Your Inspection

- Log in or set up an account at the actonline.saccounty.net/Citizen Access.
- Under the Building heading, click Schedule an Inspection.
- Enter the permit number.
- Follow the prompts to complete the inspection scheduling; detailed instructions on how to schedule online can be found HELP.

SolarAPP+ Tutorials and FAQs

Details about the SolarApp are available in a YouTube instructional video.

- What is SolarAPP+?
- How do I make changes to approved SolarAPP+ plans?
- How do I submit a project through SolarAPP+?
- Contractors Guide: Issues & upcoming improvements
- What projects qualify to be submitted in SolarAPP+?
- How do I make changes to approved plans?
- Contractors Guide: Release notes
- What types of systems are not eligible for SolarAPP+ review?
- Is there a limit on system size SolarAPP+ can review?
- How do I register with SolarAPP+?