

Design Guidelines – Solar Installation

The Green Ridge Homeowners Association encourages energy conservation and welcomes the use of solar power; however, we are mindful of the potential esthetic impact on the community. In the interests of maintaining the natural beauty of our environment and the appeal of our neighborhood, the Green Ridge Board has developed the attached guidelines to promote minimally obtrusive solar installations.

Arizona statutes limit the control that an Association such as ours can have over solar energy devices, but the board has an obligation to the community to advise residents interested in installing solar devices to do so with the broader interests of the community in mind. The objective of these guidelines is to have solar panels installed such that they are not visible from the road, have minimal impact on neighboring properties, and all ancillary solar equipment be installed in such manner as to blend with the structure. If you are considering solar energy installation now or in the future, please use these guidelines as you initiate the project.

Solar Devices

Solar devices are allowed subject to the following rules, provided that the rules do not impair the functioning of the devices, restrict their use, or adversely affect their cost or efficiency. To the greatest extent possible:

- (1) Locate and install devices to minimize their appearance on the house and visibility from other properties and the street;
- (2) Place roof devices close to the roof, at the back of the house or roof, and in a neat and aligned position; and
- (3) Minimize visibility of framing, piping, control devices, plumbing, and wiring.

In addition to other Design Guideline rules, paint all conduits, pipes, and other parts of the device attached to the wall of the house to match the wall color. Attractively screen from view all outside control devices that are attached to the wall of the house and ground-mounted devices.

In addition to other required submittals, submit the following for approval:

- (1) A copy of the site plan showing the house, roof diagram, and proposed location of solar devices and auxiliary equipment;
- (2) Elevation drawing of house showing what the installed devices will look like;
- (3) Manufacturer photographs or cut sheets of all components including dimensions, colors, and materials; and
- (4) Plans of proposed landscaping or attractive screening for outside control devices that are attached to the wall of the house and ground-mounted devices. Homeowners may replace existing ACC-approved solar devices with new devices of a similar size and appearance without making a new application to the ACC.

Homeowner Signature

Lot #

Solar Energy Representative