

Permit Application Requirements

- a completed Solar Collectors brochure.
- a copy of plans showing system design including all structural and plumbing elements where applicable.
- an engineered design including mechanical connection details of the solar collectors to the roof.
- plans indicating if any structural alterations are required.
- plumbing schematics may be required (including backflow prevention devices if applicable) for solar hot water applications.

Approval Requirements

- confirmation that the system is designed to accepted industry standards for your type of system:
 - Solar Hot Water
 - Solar Air
 - Photovoltaic
- confirmation that the installation is in compliance with the applicable industry standards for your type of system.
- two inspections are required upon installation. However, a rough in and final inspection may be under taken during one site visit. Your Municipal Inspector may require additional site visits depending on the system complexities.
- alternative designs may be considered but must demonstrate equivalent or superior performance to systems certified to the most recent edition of the applicable standard.



Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take to obtain a permit?

With a complete application, every effort is made to review an application permit within 5 business days. You may call at any time to inquire about the status of your application. Please remember to have your application number when making inquiries or submitting additional information.

How much will my permit cost?

The solar collector installation permit fee is \$150.00

Where can I make an application for a permit?

Municipal Customer Service Centres at the following locations:

- 7071 Bayers Road, Suite 2005 (Bayers Road Centre) in Halifax, 902.490.5650
- 40 Alderney Drive (Alderney Gate) in Dartmouth, 902.490.4490

Do I need an Electrical Inspection?

For solar photovoltaic installations, proof of a completed Nova Scotia Power site inspection and completed Electrical Permit is required at final inspection.

Do I need to call for an inspection?

An inspection can be requested by calling the inspection line at 902.490.7097 before 8 a.m.

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Solar Roof & Ground Mounted Collectors



Solar Collector Installations

Property owners installing solar collectors on their home or on private property in Halifax are required to obtain a permit. In obtaining a permit, details of solar collector locations(s) must be identified. Permits and inspections will help to ensure that the required minimum plumbing and structural standards are met. Application fee for a Solar Collector Permit is \$150.00.

Indicate Solar Collector Installation Location

(check one)

Solar

o Roof Mounted	o Ground Mounted
Racking Type	
o Fixed	o Tracking

Roof Mounted Collector

Indicate building and solar panel height



Note: If the solar collector is being mounted on the roof indicate if collectors are mounted on the main building or accessory building.

DIMENSIONS	COLLECTOR LOCATION (CHECK ONE)
A =	o Main Building
B =	o Accessory Building

Ground Mounted Collector

Indicate distance from the solar collector to the dwelling and property lines



C =

Tell us about your project

Solar City Program	Yes		No 🖵			
Installation Type						
o Residential	o Commercial					
Type of Collector						
o Evacuated tube	o Gl	o Glazed flat panel o PV				
Total Area (indicate sq. ft. or sq. m.) =		Number of panels/tubes =				
Mounting Type on Roof						
o Surface		o Raised				
Building Solar Energy will Supplement						
o Hot water		o Space heating				
o Electricity		o Other (describe)				
Existing Energy Source Being Supplemented						
o Electric		o Oil				
o Wood		o Other (please specify)				
Are you installing this system as part of the Solar City program?						
o Yes		o No				

