
Rooftop solar panels in Zurich Switzerland

Are rooftop solar panels worth the cost?

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Does Switzerland need solar power?

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How much does solar power cost in Switzerland?

Depending on the electricity supplier, homeowners in Switzerland in 2022 received between 5 and 22 Swiss cents per kilowatt hour for solar power generated at home. They paid between 12 and 34 Swiss cents per kilowatt hour of electricity.

Do solar panels pay off in Switzerland?

Installing solar panels on a multi-family home with nine residents spread across four apartments and a heat pump pays off in almost all Swiss cities and communes. The median lies at a return of 10.5 percent. On average, 63 percent of the solar power generated is consumed at home.

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FAQ How much rooftop solar potential does Switzerland have? Switzerland's commercial and industrial rooftops offer around 12 GW of total solar potential, with 7.7 GW still ...

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