

RULES OF THUMB

Cost per watt

Total cost of system divided by size of system. *use cash price

Example: \$50,000 / 12.5kW = \$4/watt

$$\begin{array}{r} \$3/\text{watt} \\ \hline 10\text{kW} \text{ system size } \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} \$3/\text{watt} \\ \hline \end{array}} \right\} \$30,000 \text{ total price} \end{array}$$

System Size

Take the daily kWh and divide by 4. Your solar system will produce 4 times as many kWh for every kW you have installed.

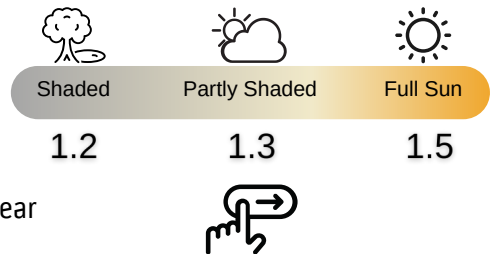
Example: 50kWh per day / 4 = 12.5kW system

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \text{ kW}_{\text{system}} \\ \hline 4 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} 10 \text{ kW}_{\text{system}} \\ \hline \end{array}} \right\} 40 \text{ kWh per day} \end{array}$$

System Production

10kW system will produce 40kWh per day. To find annual production - multiplier is 1.3 - 1.5.

Example: 10kW x 1.4 = 14,000 kWh per year



Adders

- a. Different panels - varies per panel
- b. Tile roofs - \$0.20 per watt; Site survey = \$350; etc

Example: \$0.20 per watt x 10,000kW = \$2,000

LCOE - Levelized cost of electricity

total cash price / loan term = x, then divide by (annual kWh production) = LCOE
 cash price/loan term/kWh gives you LCOE

Example: \$30,000/25 year term = \$1,200 / 14,000 kWh = \$0.085

