Solar Energy In Desert Blume



While there are few homes with solar panels I picked one for our example. Please contact me to share your own story.

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When Sandy and Dave moved from BC to the first phase of Desert Blume, they immediately started making home improvements. One of their key projects was installing solar panels in 2023.

At first, they learned about the City of Medicine Hat's \$1,000 municipal grant and a \$5,600 federal grant with **Green Homes.** However, the city's grant had already ended, so they applied for the federal program instead. To qualify, they had to complete several pre-requisites under the Greener Homes initiative:



Project Overview

The following projects needed to be done prior the the installation of solar panels:

1. Home energy efficiency assessment – They contacted AmeriSpec, which checked for heat leaks, tested door seals, inspected outdoor plugs, and more. This evaluation cost \$500 but it is valuable even if not choosing to install solar panels.

2 Attic insulation upgrade – Performed by **Jake's Drywall**, this proved to be another excellent investment. Upgrading attic insulation will save you \$ on the gas bills even if not going solar.

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Budget and Financial Projections

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Government grants for energy efficiency change frequently. At the moment, we are not aware of any active programs, but if new ones become available, please share the information so other neighbors can benefit!

