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This month, see our Seattle Channel debut, say goodbye to tree pollen, learn three reasons for PW3, and more. Thanks for checking it out.

Enjoy the sunshine, there's much more to come. It's a great time to explore your renewable energy options.

A Beautiful Pacific Northwest Weekend Ahead



May flowers are arriving, the sun is shining, and we're gaining light each day. You can't beat the mighty northwest on days like these!

As you fire up the grill, knock down home projects or just enjoy the outdoors

this weekend, please consider ways you can help reduce your carbon footprint.

Thinking about a heat pump? We can get your electrical panel up to speed and come hook it up when you're ready.

Ready to say goodbye to increasing gas prices and fossil fuels? There's never been a better time for EV charger incentives (see below for current rebates).

Tired of paying so much for electricity every month? Your solar system will eliminate that bill and free you from power company dependency.

You may have seen this week's report from NOAA, showing **record levels of carbon dioxide** at the Mauna Loa Observatory. On this Mother's Day weekend, please consider the ways you can help our Mother Earth. **As daunting as it can be, we can make a difference.** Become a renewable energy champion! Your actions count.

Solar Panel Cleaning: How, When, Why?



This year's spring pollen has been particularly heavy, as you've likely noticed. Much like the windows on our homes and vehicles, your solar panels build up residue over time, which can decrease your production levels.

We recommend having your panels cleaned at least once a year. In the Pacific Northwest, late spring is the best time to do so, once the major tree

pollen offenders have finished blooming. Generally speaking, **anytime after the second week of May is a good bet.**

Any reputable window cleaning company typically has solar panel experience and will know the following important rules:

- Always de-energize your array before cleaning. You can do this by turning off the inverter or AC disconnect. Don't forget to turn back on when done!
- Never use anything abrasive on your panels. Metal scrapers are also a big NO.
- Use a soft sponge, cloth, or brush. A mild and biodegradable soap and water combination will do the trick.
- Steer clear of products like Rain-X. Never use a pressure washer!
- Have your panels cleaned in the morning or on an overcast day. Avoid having them cleaned in direct sunlight -- you want them as cool as possible.

We no longer have the capacity to handle the work ourselves, but have put together a list of locally owned and operated companies we recommend in the greater Puget Sound area. Click for website.

- [SolShine Solar Panel Cleaning](#)
- [Clear Skies Cleaning](#)
- [Kelian Cleaning Services](#)
- [AA Window & Gutter Tacoma Solar Cleaning](#)
- [Sound Cleaning & Solutions](#)
- [Seattle Squeegee Pros Solar Cleaning](#)

Look, Ma! We're on the Seattle Channel!



The Seattle Channel chatted with us last month about going solar, current federal tax credits, and the benefits of harnessing the power of the sun. This quick video is worth a view.

The Inflation Reduction Act, put into effect in 2022, continues to make a solar installation more affordable than you might think. Find out how it can save you money by booking a phone call with one of our solar pros.

DISCOVER YOUR SOLAR OPTIONS HERE

Three is a Magic Number: Powerwall 3



We recently installed a **Tesla Powerwall 3 (PW3)** for Gary S., in North Bend, WA. Like many folks in the Snoqualmie Valley, Gary is no stranger to a power outage. So, **why did he choose PW3 to back up his entire home's electrical service?**

1. **Pricing** After the 30% Federal Tax Credit, the cost of a PW3 is comparable to that of a new Generac generator system. When paired with a solar system installation, WA state sales tax savings are significant.
2. **Footprint** PW3 does not rely on fossil fuels and, unlike generator power, does not contribute to the neighborhood's noise pollution. The batteries are maintenance free and easily controlled by a smartphone app.
3. **Security** Knowing that PW3 offers entire home coverage in a power outage provides great peace of mind, not to mention comfort during

extended outages. Food stays cold, lights stay on, and everyday life remains uninterrupted.

Wondering if it's a right fit for your household? Learn more about [Tesla Powerwall 3 here](#) and reach out for a free consultation below.

PW3 BATTERY CONSULTATION & QUOTE



BIG SAVINGS

Current EV Charger Rebates and Incentives

Once you've received and approved your Artisan Electric EV charger bid, we're able to get your installation scheduled pretty quickly -- generally, within a week or two. These current rebates sweeten the deal:

- **IBEW LOCAL 46** is providing a **\$460** rebate for installations performed by Local 46 members within our **union hall's jurisdiction**. Thanks for supporting union labor!
- **Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Up & Go Home Charging Program** is offering a **\$300** rebate and up to **\$600** for income-eligible customers.
- **Tacoma Power (TPU)** will provide its customers with a **\$400-\$600 bill credit**
- **Snohomish County PUD (SnoPUD)** is offering a **\$200 rebate for Level 2 qualified chargers**
- **Seattle City Light (SCL)** has a **multifamily EV charging program** with

a number of money-saving options.

FREE EV CHARGER ESTIMATE

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