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We welcome warmer days and brighter skies this week with the earliest summer solstice in 228 years. The longest day of the year will officially arrive in Washington at 1:50pm this Thursday, June 20, with a weather forecast that's looking very conducive to sunny celebrations!

The kids are breaking for summer, gardens are beginning to burst, and our region is gearing up for some of its most beautiful days. Happy summer to all and thanks for being part of the Artisan community!

Thinking about Going Solar? Up to \$2,000 Rebate



Our union, **IBEW Local 46**, has announced a new rebate for solar installations this year, and your home may be eligible.

Solar installations that fall within our union's territory will receive **\$1,000** for projects under 5kW (DC rated) and **\$2,000** for anything over 5kW.

The rebate process is simple. Once we receive the final payment on your installation, we'll submit your information to our union hall. After being processed and approved, **IBEW Local 46 will issue a check directly to you** within three weeks.

Local 46 jurisdiction includes King, Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties. Check their territory map [here](#), or submit your info below to learn more.

DISCOVER YOUR SOLAR OPTIONS HERE

Lions and Tigers and Panel Upgrades...Oh My!



Need a new electrical panel? Have a problem with your current wiring? Never fear, we are here to take care of those things, along with all sorts of other general electric work. Our crewmembers are some of the finest in the region, and proud members of IBEW Local 46.

Union electricians are highly trained and held to standards outlined by the National Electrical Contractor's Association (NECA). You are guaranteed quality workmanship and excellent skills by choosing Artisan electricians.

RECEIVE A QUOTE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

Greater Protections for WA Solar Customers in Effect



Washington's solar energy champions gained a new level of strength this month when SHB 2156 went into effect on June 6. The bill was signed into law this past March by Governor Jay Inslee, after unanimous votes from both the House and Senate. A bipartisan win!

Known officially as the **Solar Consumer Protection Act**, this new legislation creates a safety net for folks looking to install solar. Among many good things, it underlines contract transparency and clear financial disclosures. Solar companies and salespeople will be held to higher standards of accountability and licensing requirements.

You may be wondering why such a bill is necessary. If you've spent any time online looking for solar information, you've undoubtedly been barraged by false offers of **FREE SOLAR**. Perhaps you've had door-to-door solicitation or received a flyer promising the same unlikely offer. You may have joined the Artisan community because your original installer has disappeared, leaving you without support for your system.

After many complaints by consumers and legitimate installers, legal action was taken. **SHB 2156 will eliminate the shady and deceptive practices of unscrupulous installers and we are happy to see it enacted.** Washington Solar Energy Industries Association (WASEIA) has a fantastic summary and consumer checklist for you [here](#).

Power Outage Survival: Explore Your Options



As a huge number of us discovered a couple of weeks back, **power outages are not just a wintertime problem**. Shifting atmospheric conditions and climate change realities are resulting in more intense weather events worldwide.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we also have to take wildfire season into consideration. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently **warned customers** that planned power outages may be used to lessen wildfire risk in many communities across the state.

Most of us know the **basic power outage tips** by now -- Washington state consistently ranks in the **top ten states with the least reliable power grids** based on information from the **U.S. Energy Information Administration**. It's no coincidence that we're seeing a big spike in folks interested in preparing for grid instability and weather-related outages. Battery backup storage tied to a solar system is ideal, but **there are many options for homes without solar**. To learn more, please reach out for a free consultation below.

BATTERY POWER CONSULTATION & QUOTE

Don't Forget: Current EV Charger Incentives



There's never been a better time for saving money on an EV charger installation:

- **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.
- **Seattle City Light (SCL)**
- **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)** is offering a **\$400 rebate on qualifying chargers**. Please note that its **multifamily EV charging program** is on pause from June 30 to August.

Any questions you may have can be answered by one of our reps, when they supply you with a quote.

FREE EV CHARGER ESTIMATE

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