

Approved language to add to the ARC Guidelines

Solar Panels: Solar panels can have a significant impact on the appearance of the original building and on neighboring lots. The Architectural Review Committee will be sensitive to this fact in making its decisions regarding such equipment.

Placement of the solar panels on the roof is based on the survey from the installer to maximize energy collection. The placement may be on the front, rear or side of the house or a combination of those roof locations, however, the preferred placement for installation of solar panels is the rear of the home, so as to minimize their visibility from the street, neighboring lots, and common areas. Solar panels cannot be ground mounted.

Solar collectors must be installed, flush mounted, on the plane of the roof material. Solar units must be firmly secured to the roof in accordance with all applicable building codes.

Trim, if used, must be anodized or otherwise color-treated to match the structure and materials adjacent to it. All exterior plumbing or conduit lines must be painted in a color scheme consistent with the structure and materials adjacent to the pipes (*e.g.*, pipes on walls are to be painted the color of the walls; roof plumbing is to be painted black, which is the color of the roof).

In addition to the completed application and other items required for all exterior modifications, homeowners must submit a sample or illustrated brochure of the proposed solar unit, clearly showing the unit and describing the materials to be used. A construction drawing must show the location, number of collectors, attachment to the roof structure, and location of any other exterior components of the solar unit. Calculations showing the number and area of the collectors must also be provided.