



Ask the Realtor:

Should I Go-Solar?

Solar panels have become more popular lately and for good reason. The cost has decreased making it more affordable and then there is a 30% tax credit in 2016. But before you 'Go-Solar', you need to do your homework.

Most panels are mounted on the roof of your home. Is your roof at the end of its life? If so, you may want to wait until it is replaced as solar panels have a life of 25 – 30 years.

Do you use enough electricity to justify the expense? Is your roof large enough? Do you have unobstructed sunlight most of the day?

Once you've decided you want to move forward, you can buy, lease or enter a Power Purchase Agreement. (A PPA is where the equipment is owned by another and you pay for what you use.) Check all the options to see what's the best one for you. And don't forget the extras, such as permits that will need to be pulled and how much your homeowners insurance will increase.

Make sure the contract is reviewed in detail in case you ever want to sell or re-mortgage your home. (If the Solar company owns the panels, do they need to approve the buyer?)

Remember, do your research to find out if Solar is right for you. Check the Better Business Bureau for any complaints against the company you choose and obtain at least 2 references on your installers.

County Fairs

Homemade pies, log sawing contests, giant pumpkin contest, handmade quilts, sheep shearing demonstrations, it's that time of year. Massachusetts has an abundance of County Fairs just waiting for you. The larger fairs have everything from demolition derbies, truck pulls and carnival rides with the smaller local town fair boasting craft booths, face painting and local musicians. Whatever your preference, now is the time to get out there and enjoy what the fall has to offer.

Sept 2 – 5

- Spencer Fair – Spencer MA
www.SpencerFair.org
- Three County Fair – Northampton MA
www.3CountyFair.com

Sept 9 – 11

- Sterling Fair – Sterling MA
www.sterlingfair.org

Sept 9 – 10

- Olde Home Day – Clinton MA
www.oldehomeday.com

Sept 16 – Oct 2

- Eastern States Exposition – West Springfield MA
www.thebig.com

Sept 30 – Oct 16

- Topsfield Fair – Topsfield MA
www.topsfieldfair.org

Oct 1

- Horseshed Fair – Lancaster MA
First Church of Christ Unitarian

If you are considering buying or selling, let's work together and make it a realty reality.

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