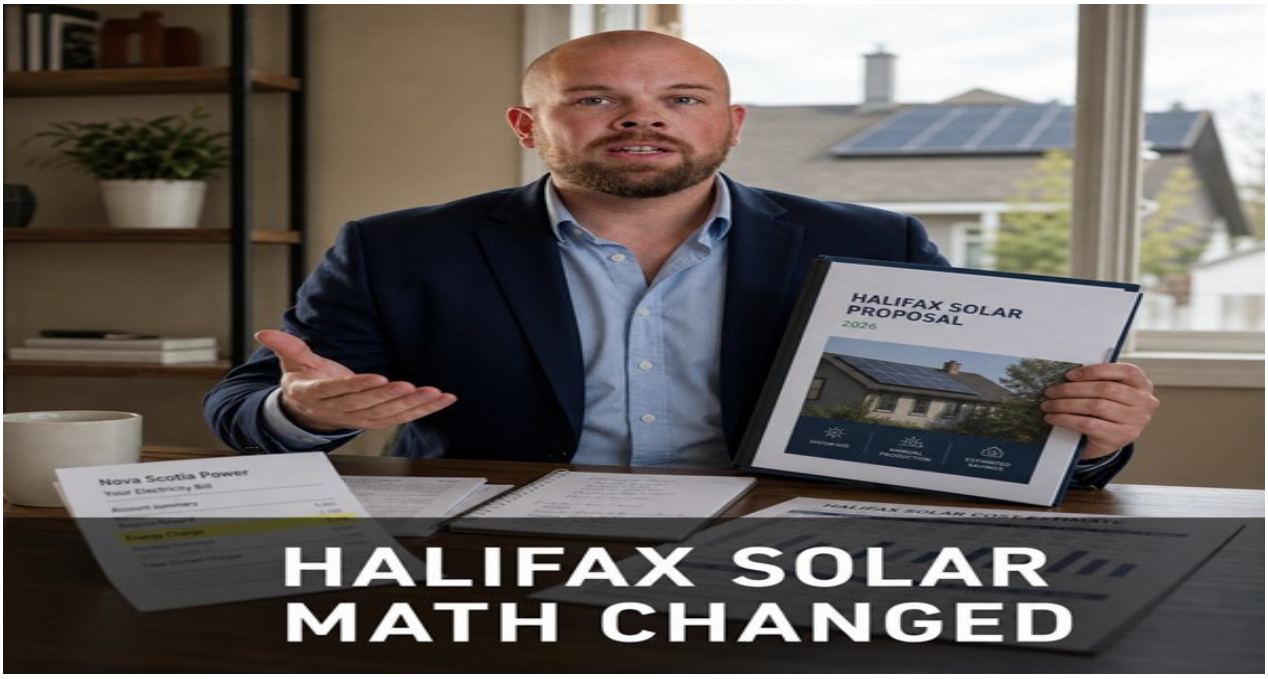


SolarEnergies.ca Publishes 2026 Halifax Solar Cost Guide as Rebate Math Shifts for Homeowners

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SolarEnergies.ca has published a new 2026 cost guide for Halifax homeowners considering rooftop solar, with a focus on updated rebate status, municipal financing, net metering, and realistic payback math after several older incentive assumptions changed.

The guide, written for SolarEnergies.ca by Vitaliy Lano, owner of SolarEnergies.ca and the voice behind ?Canada Goes Solar,? says Halifax solar can still make sense in 2026, but the decision now depends more heavily on installed price, roof quality, annual electricity use, system sizing, and financing terms. The article places a practical planning range for many straightforward grid-tied residential projects at about $2.75 to $3.75 per watt installed, before major roof, electrical, battery, financing, or site-specific extras.

?Halifax homeowners are not wrong to look at solar, but the old rebate-first math is gone for many people starting fresh,? Vitaliy Lano stated. ?The better question now is whether the roof, price, production estimate, and financing all work together without pretending expired programs are still available.?

The guide points out that a 10 kW Halifax solar system may land around $27,500 to $37,500 before site-specific extras, while a 5 kW system may fall around $13,750 to $18,750. SolarEnergies.ca presents those figures as quote-screening numbers rather than an official market average, urging homeowners to ask whether HST, equipment, monitoring, permits, interconnection support, roof work, and financing costs are clearly included.

The updated guide also highlights a major incentive change. Efficiency Nova Scotia says the SolarHomes program is closed to new homeowner applications, after new applications stopped on April 17, 2025. Approved homeowner projects must be completed by March 31, 2026 to remain eligible for financial incentives. The federal Canada Greener Homes Grant is also closed, and the guide cautions readers against using older grant or 0% loan assumptions in 2026 quote comparisons.

At the same time, Halifax?s Solar City program remains an important local financing option. The municipality describes Solar City financing through a voluntary Local Improvement Charge, paid over 10 years at a fixed 4.75% interest rate, with the charge tied to the property. SolarEnergies.ca says that structure can reduce the upfront barrier, but it should still be compared against expected bill savings.

?Financing is helpful, but it is not free money,? Lano commented. ?A fair solar quote should show the system cost, the expected production, the financing cost, and the payback using today?s programs. If the numbers only look good because an old rebate is still in the spreadsheet, that quote needs to be fixed.?

The guide also uses Nova Scotia Power?s 2026 tariff book as part of its payback discussion. The tariff lists the Domestic Service energy charge at 18.324 cents per kWh before riders such as fuel adjustment, demand-side management, storm cost recovery, and taxes. SolarEnergies.ca uses a conservative sample case of $3.25 per watt installed, 1,000 kWh per installed kW per year, and the base energy value only, showing a simple payback near 17.7 years for 5 kW, 8 kW, and 10 kW examples.

Lano added that this does not make solar a bad fit. Instead, it changes the framing from ?fast rebate payback? to long-life bill control for homes with the right roof and electricity use.

The article also explains Nova Scotia?s residential net-metering framework, including the 27 kW nameplate capacity threshold for automatic classification as a residential net-metering customer under provincial regulations. For Halifax homes, SolarEnergies.ca says this means solar systems should generally be sized around annual consumption rather than treated as oversized power plants.

The guide closes with practical installer questions, including whether backup power is included, what happens during outages, who monitors production, how inverter warranty claims are handled, and whether the proposed system accounts for future loads such as EVs or heat pumps.

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