

# Show your solar some love

Have it serviced every two years by a licensed A-Grade electrician.



Since your rooftop solar system is out there in the sun, wind and rain, it's important to show it some love with a regular service to keep it performing at its optimum level.

## Why do I need to get my solar system serviced?

Just like a car, it's important to service your rooftop solar system regularly to ensure that it's working safely and effectively. While your solar system is built to be tough, your panels live outside and are exposed to all kinds of weather conditions and other outdoor elements. Regular servicing and cleaning will identify any potential faults early and keep your system in good condition.

## How often should I get my solar panels serviced?

To ensure your system is operating efficiently and safely, it's recommended to have your solar panels serviced at least once every two years.

## Who should service my solar system?

A solar service must be carried out by a licensed A-Grade electrician as it involves detailed electrical testing of the components that make up a solar PV system.

We recommend using electricians accredited with the Clean Energy Council to ensure your panels receive the best possible care.

Always check your warranty first. Your installer may provide ongoing servicing as part of a servicing agreement. In some cases, a service performed by a company other than the installer could void the warranty.

Watch out for 'solar cleaners' or others who advertise similar services – they may be cheaper than an electrician but, aside from possibly voiding your warranty, they might not perform all necessary checks which could pose a safety risk.

## What is involved in a service?

Maintaining your rooftop solar involves much more than simply cleaning your solar panels. Regular maintenance of your solar panel system should ensure:

- » no parts have deteriorated or corroded
- » vents are free of debris
- » switches do not have any defects
- » wiring is not damaged or deteriorated
- » all electrical components are operating as intended
- » fittings and cables are securely attached
- » the inverter display panel for recorded faults is functioning
- » access to the isolator switches has not been impeded, and/or
- » emergency procedures for shutdown and isolation are clearly displayed.



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