



**SOLAR FRIENDLY  
COMMUNITIES**

## ***Gain Recognition For Your Efforts!***

**Solar Friendly Communities** is a partnership between the solar industry, local governments and others who are working to make it faster, easier and less expensive for citizens to go solar. We seek to streamline solar permitting and inspection processes for rooftop solar systems. We help raise awareness of the benefits of solar energy including energy independence, avoided fuel costs, local jobs and reduced air pollution.

Communities that make an effort to reduce soft costs of distributed solar energy can win valuable recognition as Solar Friendly Communities. This program offers communities a tangible and valuable incentive for helping cut red tape.

Led by the **Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association**, our Coalition launched with partners including Fort Collins, Denver, Golden, Boulder County and the non-profit Rocky Mountain Institute and American Solar Energy Society. Now we are inviting communities around Colorado to join.

Our **"12 Best Practices: A Roadmap to a Solar Friendly Community"** offers a simple way to help guide communities through streamlined permitting and inspection processes that can result in many benefits for residents and city or county staff alike. Communities gain recognition by achieving points for enacting policies they choose from a menu of options.

We look forward to honoring communities publically who make this commitment and will help them realize the economic development benefits of becoming Solar Friendly Communities. We will also invite them to join a community of interested partners for ongoing educational events where industry and government can learn together.

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