

**The Moors of Portage Association
Architectural Control Committee
7875 Moorsbridge Road
Portage, Michigan 49024
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SOLAR PANEL POLICY

If you're considering installing solar panels, it should be designed to complement the neighborhood and the primary residence. Please submit the following items for review and follow these guidelines:

1. All plans must be preapproved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to installation.
2. Solar "shingles" that mimic the look of a composite shingle are preferred and should match the color of the existing roof shingle as much as possible.
3. All components of the solar system should be integrated into the design of the home. The color of the solar system components should generally conform to the color of the roof shingles as much as possible.
4. Installation of all solar systems shall only be done by a licensed installer. Applications submitted to the ACC should include the following:
 - a. A diagram "drawn to scale" by the licensed contractor installing the system showing where the system will be installed;
 - b. Photo's of the roof area where the array will be mounted;
 - c. Material to be used and/or manufacturer's description of the system, photos and/or pictures of the system and color of the system.
 - d. Where possible, provide photos of similar existing systems as examples.
5. Piping and electrical connections will be located directly under and/or within the perimeter of the panels, when possible, and placed as inconspicuously as possible when viewed from all angles.
6. The highest point of a solar panel array will be lower than the ridge of the roof where it is attached.
7. All painted surfaces will be kept in good repair.
8. Changes to adjacent property should not impede an existing or soon-to-be installed solar system or interfere with any existing solar energy easement.
9. Plantings need to be established to screen components from neighboring properties. A Landscape plan should note existing plantings, note new plantings with number, size, and species.
10. Depending on the location and visibility from neighbors and golf course, the ACC may require additional natural screening.

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NOTE: Homeowner must comply with all municipal ordinances and obtain necessary permits from the City of Portage.

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