

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Japanese waste photovoltaic panels



## Overview

---

What is Japan solar panel recycling?

Japan Solar Panel Recycling is set to introduce a groundbreaking recycling mandate for solar panels to tackle the surge in decommissioned panels expected around the mid-2030s. This initiative is a critical part of Japan's strategy to boost sustainability and manage waste from the expanding solar industry.

How much solar panel waste does Japan produce a year?

In November 2016, the Environment Minister of Japan advised that Japan's production of solar panel waste per year is expected to rise from 10,000 to 800,000 tonnes by 2040 and the country has no plans to dispose of them safely and effectively [17, 20].

What happens to solar panels in Japan?

In Japan, a country subject to frequent natural disasters, several thousand tons of waste are disposed of year on year as a result of damage to solar power plants. 1. Reuse To date, initiatives to reuse used solar panels have stalled in Japan due to difficulties in guaranteeing their quality.

How will Japan manage waste from the solar industry?

This initiative is a critical part of Japan's strategy to boost sustainability and manage waste from the expanding solar industry. The proposed legislation will classify used solar panels as industrial waste, mandating their recycling similar to the EU's WEEE directive.

How to deal with solar PV waste material?

Therefore, the methods of dealing with solar PV waste material, principally by recycling need to be established by 2040. By recycling solar PV panels EOL and reusing them to make new solar panels, the actual number of waste (i.e., not recycled panels) could be considerably reduced.

How much solar PV waste will be recycled by 2050?

The worldwide solar PV waste is estimated to reach around 78 million tonnes by 2050. The current status of the EOL PV panels are systemically reviewed and discussed. Policy formation involving manufacturer's liability to inspire recycling of waste solar panels. R&D needs acceleration allowing researchers to resolve issues in PV module recycling.

## Japanese waste photovoltaic panels

---



### End-of-life management: Solar Photovoltaic Panels

This report is the first-ever projection of PV panel waste volumes to 2050. It highlights that recycling or repurposing solar PV panels at the end of their roughly 30-year lifetime can unlock an estimated stock of 78 million ...

### Japan Solar Panel Recycling Mandate to enhance ...

Japan Solar Panel Recycling is set to introduce a groundbreaking recycling mandate for solar panels, addressing the anticipated surge in decommissioned panels around the mid-2030s. This initiative is a ...



### Photovoltaic module decommissioning and recycling in Europe and Japan

In recent years the growing amount of electric-waste has led to a dire state of landfills and increased environmental impact arising from disposal of electronic equipment. Electronic ...

### Solar Panel Recycling Service , NPC incorporated

Solar Panel Recycling Service. We provide intermediate treatment service to recycle discarded solar panels. At Matsuyama Factory in

Ehime, Japan, an automatic solar panel disassembly line is installed. The line separates glass ...



## Contact Us

---

For catalog requests, pricing, or partnerships, please visit:  
<https://ian-solar.co.za>