

Watt's New

Solar updates, industry news, and more



Welcome back to Watt's New!

September is here — the perfect time to plan ahead and see how solar can power your home and boost your savings! In this issue, you'll learn how to take advantage of the Canada Greener Homes Grant before it expires, meet one of the brilliant minds behind our designs, and get a look at some of our latest installations!



Greener Homes Grant: Last Chance for Approved Applicants

The **Canada Greener Homes Grant** launched in **December 2020**, offering up to **\$5,000 for energy upgrades** (such as solar installations) and **\$600 for an EnerGuide home evaluation**.

The program was originally designed to run until **2027** and support around **700,000 homeowners**. But demand far exceeded expectations — funding was fully committed within just three years! By **February 2024**, new applications were closed, years ahead of schedule.

Recently, the government announced the final deadline: **all approved homeowners must complete their upgrades and submit final documents by December 31, 2025**. If you were approved for the grant before applications closed, now's the time to make sure you don't miss out.

Already approved for the Greener Homes Grant? Don't leave your funding on the table — **let's make sure your solar project is installed and completed before December 31st, 2025!**

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Staff Spotlight: Griffin Sanford

Behind every solar system we install is a team of passionate people. This month, we'd love for you to meet Griffin — the person behind all the designs! He's the creative mind turning solar dreams into real, workable systems, and from rooftops to ground mounts, every design he creates is built to shine.



What's the most challenging project you've designed so far?

"No design is too challenging for Solos Energy, of course! That said, the trickiest ones tend to be remote properties with limited site photos. Thankfully, our team does a fantastic job tracking down building plans and details, which makes my job a lot easier, even when the Google Street View is just a tree."

Outside of work, what's a hobby or interest that fuels you?

"In the summer, I love paddle boarding, it's my go to way to beat the heat and enjoy the outdoors. Being out on the lake surrounded by nature reminds me why I care about sustainable energy. Working in solar means contributing to a cleaner future, so we can keep these beautiful places thriving."

If you could design any famous building with solar, which would it be and why?

"I'd go with the SkyDome in Toronto (yes, I still call it that). As a huge Jays fan, it'd be a dream to work on such an iconic stadium. Plus, designing a solar system for a retractable roof sounds like a fun challenge. Tracking the sun is one thing... but tracking the roof? Now that's next-level solar."

What's one thing your coworkers might be surprised to learn about you?

"I'm always tinkering with coding projects in my free time. I built a baseball scouting tool that analyzes MLB pitchers using stats and data visualizations and I'm working on a Raspberry Pi-powered weather display that uses an e-ink display. My partner is even designing a little cartoon character that changes based on the forecast. One project helps me prep for fantasy drafts, the other helps me know when it's a good day for a paddle. Either way, I just really enjoy solving problems with code. You can check out some of my projects on GitHub: [\[github.com/GriffinJack\]](https://github.com/GriffinJack)"

Nothing shines brighter than real results! Here are a few of our latest installs:



That's a wrap!

Thanks for catching this month's Watt's New! Thinking about solar for your home or business? Let's start the conversation today!

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