

Crown Solar

The NSW Solar Buyers Guide

Everything you need to buy solar with confidence in 2026 — in about ten minutes.

1. Why solar, why now

Rooftop solar turns sunlight into electricity that powers your home for free during the day, with any surplus exported to the grid for a feed-in tariff. For most NSW homes a well-sized system pays for itself in roughly 3–6 years, then delivers low-cost power for its 25-year-plus life.

The federal rebate shrinks every January, so the same system is worth more this year than next.

2. What size system do you need?

Sizing comes down to your electricity usage, roof space and orientation, and whether you'll add a battery or EV later. Bigger bills and more daytime usage justify a bigger system. A 6.6 kW system is a popular starting point; larger homes often go 10 kW and up.

- Check your last few bills for your average daily usage (kWh).
- More daytime usage = more value from solar.
- Ask for a battery-ready inverter if storage might come later.

3. Rebates in 2026

Federal solar rebate (STCs)

Your system earns Small-scale Technology Certificates, deducted upfront from your invoice. The amount = system size (kW) × zone rating (1.382 for most of NSW) × deeming years (5 in 2026) × ~\$38 per STC.

Example: a 6.6 kW system in Sydney ≈ 46 STCs ≈ about \$1,730 off the upfront price.

Federal battery rebate

The Cheaper Home Batteries program takes roughly 30% off an eligible battery — about \$252 per usable kWh from 1 May 2026, applied in full to the first 14 kWh then tapering. It stacks on top of your solar rebate.

4. Is a battery worth it?

A battery stores daytime solar for night-time use, helps you dodge peak rates, and (if backup-capable) keeps essentials running in a blackout. With the 2026 rebate the payback is far better than before. It makes most sense if you use a lot of power in the evening or want energy independence.

5. Choosing quality equipment

- Panels — the 25-year part. Choose tier-one brands with strong performance warranties.
- Inverter — the brain, and the hardest-working part. Pick a reputable brand with local support.
- Battery (optional) — match usable capacity to your evening usage; look for ~10-year warranty.
- Installation — quality racking and a compliant, tidy install protect your roof and warranty.

6. Questions to ask any installer

- What exact panel, inverter and battery models are you quoting?
- What are the warranties — and who services them locally?
- Is the price after all rebates, fixed and itemised?
- Are your installers accredited, and do you back the workmanship?

7. Your next step

Get a free, no-obligation design and quote. We size a system to your roof and bills, apply every rebate you qualify for, and give you a fixed, itemised price — no pressure, no jargon.

Call 1800 979 681 or visit crowsolar.com.au

Indicative figures based on NSW 2026 settings; rebate values change. Crown Solar — residential & commercial solar across NSW, based in Ingleburn.