

Are solar panels stolen?

By way of example, in August, solar panels worth approximately £10 500 were stolen from an energy farm in Northamptonshire. Solar panel theft is not limited to large scale and commercial solar farms either - homes in remote areas are also vulnerable, with thieves reportedly swiping panels from people's roofs. Why?

What happens if a solar farm is stolen?

For thieves, solar farms and rooftop installations offer tempting targets, valuable panels and copper cables that can be resold, often with too little security guarding them. For the industry and property owners, these thefts mean significant losses and setbacks.

Is it time to protect your solar farm from theft?

Multiple sources confirm that the past year (2024 into early 2025) has seen unprecedented levels of solar equipment theft in the UK. With the government setting out new measures to achieve its clean energy targets by 2030, now is the time to ensure your solar farms are protected against panel theft. Here are a few examples:

Is solar theft a problem in the UK?

Rural theft has long been an issue in the UK. It is a sinister practice, with repercussions that are as much emotional, as they are commercial. After all, for a small farm, solar panels are a huge investment. Not only that, but if solar theft is not brought under control, it will delay the country from reaching its net zero goals.

The latest theft occurred mere days after a similar incident on December 29, 2024, when five solar panels were stolen from the same field. Despite repeated complaints and growing ...

Solar panels stolen from farmhouse Solar panels stolen from farmhouse According to sources, the thieves broke the main gate's lock.

A Lincolnshire grower who had 192 solar panels stolen overnight in one of the largest thefts seen from a field-mounted array, says he fears farmers are falling victim to a growing black ...

According to sources, the culprits broke into the farmhouse and dismantled the expensive solar panels before escaping. "Installed yesterday, stolen today," says Kamran Akmal's father.

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Solar farms contain high-value assets like copper cabling and photovoltaic panels, which can be resold or scrapped for quick profit. Their remote locations and historically minimal security make them ...

In a similar case last July, 60 photovoltaic panels were stolen from the Yara solar park in Granma. Although two suspects were apprehended and the panels recovered, the incident prompted ...

Lack of Serial Numbers for Tracking While solar panels do have serial numbers, many farmers fail to document this critical information. Without recorded serial numbers, identifying stolen ...

So, while stolen panels are bad enough, this is far from the only threat to solar farm operators. Residential solar theft, by contrast, remains rare. Most homeowners live on or near the ...

May 2018: Approximately \$65,000 worth of solar equipment, including panels and inverters, were stolen from a UK solar farm. August 2019: Two solar sites in the UK were hit. The ...

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