First Solar Panel Collection and Recycling Program

Unconditional, Convenient, and Free

As the result of global industrialization and economic growth, the issue of what happens to products at the end of their useful life needs to be addressed. First Solar is embracing its responsibility by implementing solutions today to reduce the number of solar panels that end up as waste in the future. Practicing a concept called extended producer responsibility, First Solar has voluntarily established the photovoltaic industry's first comprehensive, prefunded solar panel collection and recycling program.

The main goals of the program are to:

- Provide collection and recycling free of charge to anyone in possession of First Solar panels
- Reduce the number of solar panels that are disposed of as waste
- Maximize the recovery of valuable materials for use in new solar panels or other new products
- Improve the environmental profile associated with solar panel production

Through a successful combination of value leadership and environmental responsibility, First Solar is proud to have implemented the industry's first prefunded collection and recycling program.

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Clean.
Affordable.
Sustainable.

First Solar's recycling process results in an estimated 90% overall recycling rate.

Embracing extended producer responsibility, First Solar's collection and recycling program is an integral part of its product offering and is designed to be unconditional, convenient, and free.

In order to ensure First Solar panel owners take advantage of the collection and recycling program, First Solar has designed it to be:

– Unconditional

Anyone wishing to dispose of First Solar panels can request collection at any time by using the contact information on the back of every panel.

First Solar provides free of charge collection and environmentally responsible recycling of this solar panel. Please do not dispose of this product in any manner before contacting First Solar via:

- the Web: **www.firstsolar.com/recycling**
- telephone:
  1.866.456.8938 (North American Toll free)
  +800.433.32.333*(International Freephone)
  *For more details on dialing codes please visit First Solar's website.
- email: **recycling@firstsolar.com**

– Convenient

All the owner needs to do is dismantle the system and package the panels following First Solar's instructions. First Solar does the rest, arranging transportation and recycling services at no charge.

– Free

For each panel sold, First Solar sets aside money to cover the future anticipated collection and recycling costs so there is no additional cost to the owner. These funds are held and managed by a third party under a trust arrangement to ensure they will be available when they are needed regardless of the financial status of First Solar.

Global Facilities

As part of this program First Solar has developed and implemented a recycling process which enables substantially all panel components to be recovered and has facilities operating on a commercial scale in all global manufacturing sites.

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If you would like to learn more about First Solar's collection and recycling program please visit: **www.firstsolar.com/recycling**

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