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How can solar energy be used in a building?

More energy from the sun falls on the Earth in one hour than is used by everyone in the world in one year. A variety of technologies convert sunlight to usable energy for buildings. The most commonly used solar technologies are solar photovoltaics for electricity, passive solar design for space heating and cooling, and solar water heating.

What is solar energy?

solar energy, radiation from the Sun capable of producing heat, causing chemical reactions, or generating electricity. The total amount of solar energy incident on Earth is vastly in excess of the world's current and anticipated energy requirements.

How does solar energy work?

Solar energy is constantly flowing away from the sun and throughout the solar system. Solar energy warms Earth, causes wind and weather, and sustains plant and animal life. The energy, heat, and light from the sun flow away in the form of electromagnetic radiation (EMR).

Why is energy from the Sun important?

The Sun is the primary energy source for our planet's energy budget and contributes to processes throughout Earth. Energy from the Sun is studied as part of heliophysics, which relates to the Sun's physics and the Sun's connection with the solar system. How Does Energy from the Sun Reach Earth?

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