

**TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS
OTSEGO COUNTY NY
PERMIT APPLICATION**

NY State Unified Solar Permit

The Town of Butternuts NY Local Law No. 1 of 2021, "Renewable Energy Systems Local Law" in Article 3 §1 defines a Non-Commercial Solar Energy Production Facility (SEPF) as a site whose "production capacity of the proposed facility is no more than 110% of electricity consumption for existing principal uses determined by submission of utility bills showing electric usage over the previous twelve-month period." Article 3 §2(A) states "A non-commercial SEPF may be constructed pursuant to a NYS unified solar permit only and without the necessity of special permits, so long as the SEPF meets the criteria set forth in this Article".

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR UNIFIED PERMITTING PROCESS

By submitting this application, the applicant attests that the proposed project meets the established eligibility criteria for the unified permitting process (subject to verification by the AHJ). The proposed solar PV system installation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Has a rated DC capacity that does not exceed 110% of actual or forecasted electricity consumption and in no case exceeds 25 kW. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is not subject to review by an Architectural or Historical Review Board.
(If review has already been issued, answer YES and attach a copy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Is mounted on a permitted roof structure, on a legal accessory structure, or ground mounted on the applicant's property. If on a legal accessory structure, a diagram showing existing electrical connection to structure is attached. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 4. The Solar Installation Contractor complies with all licensing and other requirements of the jurisdiction and the State. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 5. If the structure is a sloped roof, solar panels are mounted parallel to the roof surface. |

For solar PV systems not meeting these eligibility criteria, the applicant is not eligible for the Unified Solar Permit and must submit conventional permit applications.

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

For projects meeting the eligibility criteria, this application and the following attachments will constitute the Unified Solar Permitting package.

- This application form, with all fields completed and bearing relevant signatures.
- Permitting fee of \$50.00, payable by cash or check made payable to Town of Butternuts.
- Required Construction Documents for the solar PV system type being installed, including required attachments.

Completed permit applications can be submitted electronically to townclerk@townofbutternuts.org or in person at 1234 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville NY during the Town Clerk's business as noted at <https://www.townofbutternuts.org/town-clerk/> or by mail to PO Box 318, Gilbertsville NY 13776.

APPLICATION REVIEW TIMELINE

Permit determinations will be issued within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of complete and accurate applications. The Town will provide feedback within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving incomplete or inaccurate applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions about this permitting process may be directed to planningboard@townofbutternuts.org

PROPERTY OWNER

Property Owner's First Name Last Name Title

Property Address

City State Zip

Section Block Lot Number

EXISTING USE

Single Family 2-4 Family Commercial Other

PROVIDE THE TOTAL SYSTEM CAPACITY RATING (SUM OF ALL PANELS)

Solar PV System: _____ kW DC

SELECT SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

Make sure your selection matches the Construction Documents included with this application.

Supply side connection with microinverters Load side connection with DC optimizers
 Supply side connection with DC optimizers Load side connection with microinverters
 Supply side connection with string inverter Load side connection with string inverter

SOLAR INSTALLATION CONTRACTOR

Contractor Business Name

Contractor Business Address City State Zip

Contractor Contact Name Phone Number

Contractor License Number(s) Contractor Email

Electrician Business Name

Electrician Business Address City State Zip

Electrician Contact Name Phone Number

Electrician License Number(s) Electrician Email

Please sign below to affirm that all answers are correct and that you have met all the conditions and requirements to submit a unified solar permit.

Property Owner's Signature Date

Solar Installation Company Representative Signature Date

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS SOLAR PV 25KW OR LESS (ATTACHMENTS)

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This information bulletin is published to guide applicants through the unified solar PV permitting process for solar photovoltaic (PV) projects 25 kW in size or smaller. This bulletin provides information about submittal requirements for plan review, required fees, and inspections.

PERMITS AND APPROVALS REQUIRED

The following permits are required to install a solar PV system with a nameplate DC power output of 25 kW or less:

- a) Unified Solar Permit
- b) Building permit is required from Otsego County Code Enforcement Office.
- c) Site plan review is required for solar PV installations of this size using the application at <https://www.townofbutternuts.org/assessor-planning-board/>

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to submit a complete permit application for a new solar PV system, the applicant must include:

- a) Completed Standard Permit Application form which includes confirmed eligibility for the Unified Solar Permitting process. This permit application form can be downloaded at <https://www.townofbutternuts.org/assessor-planning-board/>
- b) Construction Documents, with listed attachments. Construction Documents must be stamped and signed by a New York State Registered Architect or New York State Licensed Professional Engineer.

The Town of Butternuts through adopting the Unified Solar Permitting process, requires contractors to provide construction documents, such as the examples included in the Understanding Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting in New York State document. Should the applicant wish to submit Construction Documents in another format, ensure that the submittal includes the following information:

- Manufacturer/model number/quantity of solar PV modules and inverter(s).
- String configuration for solar PV array, clearly indicating the number of modules in series and strings in parallel (if applicable).
- Combiner boxes: Manufacturer, model number, NEMA rating.
- From array to the point of interconnection with existing (or new) electrical distribution equipment: identification of all raceways (conduit, boxes, fittings, etc.), conductors and cable assemblies, including size and type of raceways, conductors, and cable assemblies.
- Sizing and location of the EGC (equipment grounding conductor).
- Sizing and location of GEC (grounding electrode conductor, if applicable).
- Disconnecting means of both AC and DC including indication of voltage, ampere, and NEMA rating.
- Interconnection type/location (supply side or load side connection)
- For supply side connections only, indication that breaker or disconnect meets or exceeds available utility fault current rating kAIC (amps interrupting capacity in thousands).
- Ratings of service entrance conductors (size insulation type AL or CU), proposed service disconnect, and overcurrent protection device for new supply side connected solar PV system (reference NEC 230.82, 230.70).
- Rapid shutdown device location/method and relevant labeling.

c) (For Roof Mounted Systems) A roof plan showing roof layout, solar PV panels and the following fire safety items: approximate location of roof access point, location of code-compliant access pathways, code exemptions, solar PV system fire classification, and the locations of all required labels and markings.

d) Provide construction drawings with the following information:

- The type of roof covering and the number of roof coverings installed.
- Type of roof framing, size of members, and spacing.
- Weight of panels, support locations, and method of attachment.
- Framing plan and details for any work necessary to strengthen the existing roof structure.
- Site-specific structural calculations.

e) Where an approved racking system is used, provide documentation showing manufacturer of the racking system, maximum allowable weight the system can support, attachment method to roof or ground, and product evaluation information or structural design for the rack.

FEES

The application fee is \$50.00 for all non-commercial SEPF projects that qualify for the Unified Solar Permit

INSPECTIONS

Note that all inspections are under the jurisdiction of Otsego County NY Office of Code Enforcement, which may be contacted at (607) 547-4214 or by mail at

Otsego County Office of Code Enforcement
197 Main Street
Cooperstown NY 13326

That office will provide information about the required inspections and availability of third-party inspectors.

[MUNICIPALITY NAME] has adopted a standardized inspection checklist, which can be found in the Understanding Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting in New York State document, found here: [WEBSITE ADDRESS].

The inspection checklist provides an overview of common points of inspection that the applicant should be prepared to show compliance. If not available, common checks include the following:

- Number of solar PV modules and model number match plans and specification sheets number match plans and specification sheets.
- Array conductors and components are installed in a neat and workman-like manner.
- Solar PV array is properly grounded.
- Electrical boxes and connections are suitable for environment.
- Array is fastened and sealed according to attachment detail.
- Conductor's ratings and sizes match plans.
- Appropriate signs are property constructed, installed and displayed, including the following:
 - Sign identifying PV power source system attributes at DC disconnect.
 - Sign identifying AC point of connection.
 - Rapid shutdown device meets applicable requirements of NEC 690.12.
- Equipment ratings are consistent with application and installed signs on the installation, including the following:
 - Inverter has a rating as high as max voltage on PV power source sign.
 - DC-side overcurrent circuit protection devices (OCPDs) are DC rated at least as high as max voltage on sign.
 - Inverter is rated for the site AC voltage supplied and shown on the AC point of connection sign.
 - OCPD connected to the AC output of the inverter is rated at least 125% of maximum current on sign and is no larger than the maximum OCPD on the inverter listing label.
 - Sum of the main OCPD and the inverter OCPD is rated for not more than 120% of the buss bar rating.

UNIFIED SOLAR PERMITTING RESOURCES

The jurisdiction has adopted the following documents from the New York Unified Solar Permit process:

Delete any documents not adopted by the jurisdiction.

- Standard Application
- Understanding Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting in New York State document, which includes sample construction documents, inspection checklist, design review checklist, and labelling guide.