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## Solar Panels

Recently, the Covenant Committee has had requests for solar panels.

Although the covenants do not directly address this issue, they are an exterior change to your home, and therefore, require an "Exterior Change Request" Form by the Covenant Committee.

To go through the required Thornleigh procedures, please visit <http://thornleighonline.com/contact.html> in order to print out an "Exterior Change Request". Once on the website, it is on the "Contact" page near the bottom. Also on that page is a list of the Covenant Committee members and ways to contact the TIA.

## Baltimore County Guidelines

Although our Thornleigh Covenants do not directly address the issue, Baltimore County does address solar panels. For much more information, guidelines, and limitations, please visit the address below on the Baltimore County Government webpage:

[http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdm\\_elecinspec/elec\\_forms.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdm_elecinspec/elec_forms.html)

The 9 page form is under "Electrical Inspections Form and Information" and you can take a look at "Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation- Baltimore County Requirements" which has bulleted information, contractor and inspector checklists, and information for the electrician.

You can call (410-887-3960) to discuss any of the following topics as they are crucial in any solar panel project:

- having a licensed electrician
- electrical guidelines
- the fire code
- placement of the solar panels
- for larger projects, buildings would need a building permit

In addition, electricians are required to take photos of the project for Baltimore County. Other critical components to consider by the installer include the following: **placement, having a limited number of panels (which is a more recent development compared to the past where some houses have the entire roof covered), and \*\* fire code regulations\*\*\*.**

For much more information, please visit the website above and/or call the number.