



2022 REOCA Annual Meeting February 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

REOCA is an all-volunteer non-profit funded by our members. During our annual meeting, we will discuss our achievements in 2021. We will show all the great work REOCA has accomplished. Come review our achievements, have an open discussion with our board and attending members, and plan for the future.

With Omicron in full assault in Pueblo, we will meet remotely. We have many new members that are not local to Pueblo. In the future, we hope to return to meeting in person.

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You as members are everything to REOCA. You fund REOCA's future and have a voice in what we do. We would embrace your help in accomplishing our goals. Please renew if your membership has lapsed. We need your support.

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REOCA Pueblo County Poll, KOAA Channel 5 News

<https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/poll-pueblo-voters-prefer-wind-and-solar-to-nuclear>



Hail Damage, A Rooftop Solar Owner's Lessons Learned

As with all my neighbors, we were affected by a hailstorm last May. The hail fell for about an hour, moving from pea to golf ball size and back. The next day several roofing companies surveyed the damage to get potential business. Our roof had damage. Gutters had been pitted by the hail visible from underneath. Even our stained wood fence had hail marks. The solar panels survived without injury.

From late May forward, everyone had their roof and gutters replaced. Most everyone with a tile roof had no issue. Every morning you would awake to the bang, bang, bang of the nail guns.

Rooftop solar panels and rack mounting will need to be detached. Your homeowner insurance will cover this. Once the new roof is completed, the rooftop solar can be reinstalled.

Lessons learned:

- Contact your solar panel manufacturer that covers the 25-year warranty. Ensure the sub-contractor removing and replacing the solar panels doesn't invalidate the warranty.
- Store your panels on-site to eliminate the potential for damage and lost parts during transport and storage.
- Anticipate about two months for your system to be down. Dealing with supply issues during COVID made things worse.
- If you produce more energy than you need, it might be best to delay work.
- March through September are high production months. Having your panels down during this time means you will deplete your banked energy faster.
- Allows the solar to operate during summer months when days are long and demand is high.
- Based on historical data, October through February would be the best months.
- It's best to have gutters (when damaged) removed before roof replacement, so the roof metal drip edging doesn't need to be notched where the old gutter supports are attached.
- Ask your insurance company if a new roof will lower the premium. Choose a hail-resistant class 4 roofing material to further lower insurance premiums.

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