

## Local Energy

This month I've decided to take in charge our energy intake and make sure it comes from a local source. The closest one: my home. We go to the Farmer's Market to have local products, we buy in local shops in order to stimulate local economy, so why not go local when it comes to energy? Living in the Sunshine state has its advantages. Why not turn these into monetary gains? I could encourage a local enterprise by hiring them for my solar installation. Once installed I will not only diminish my electricity bill but also be credited for any extra electricity that goes back into the grid. It's called Feed-in tariff. With the money I'm saving on energy, I'll be able to encourage other local shops in my community. It's a win-win situation: my family and my community could benefit from it. The only thing left to do is for me to find the right local enterprise that will be able to guarantee the performance and maintenance of my solar equipment. Have a look and you'll be surprised how many local companies can help you finding out the right solution for your house!!!

### References

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