

## Solar Tax Incentives Aren't Gone Yet

### Local Solar Home Opens for Two Tours

Recent legislative changes give homeowners only until the end of 2025 to apply for the 30% tax credits for solar power and battery installations. However, those same regulatory forces are also expected to raise the costs of utility power for everyone – making solar power and energy efficiency a good investment, even without tax credits.

To show how a solar home works in the real world – and how it has been working for almost 30 years – the Westbrook House in Fairview, Texas, will be open for two tour dates this fall. On Sunday, September 21, and Saturday, October 4, Paul and Elena Westbrook will demonstrate how good design and efficient technologies have combined to reduce their energy bills to zero (beyond the monthly base fee).

**The Westbrooks have not incurred any electricity use costs since July 2020.**

Guided tours will demonstrate how good design can reduce the amount of energy a home needs. Those “efficiency first” steps reduce the size (and cost) of the solar power and battery system required to power the house. These steps minimize cost and maximize comfort.

Features include passive solar design, structural insulated panel (SIP) construction, efficient windows, high-efficiency ground-source/geothermal heat pump, energy recovery ventilator, solar water heating, roof-mounted PV system, and battery backup. The house is on the electric grid, with a net metering agreement with Grayson-Collin Electric Co-op.

Tours are free and no registration is required. Click the links below for more information:

### Two Chances to Tour



**Sun, Sep 21, 2025 | 1 pm-4 pm**  
**FREE**

<https://www.sunday.earth>

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/sun-day-solar-home-tour-dfw>



**Sat, Oct 4, 2025 | 11 am-2 pm**  
**FREE**

<https://www.nationalsolartour.org>

<https://map.nationalsolartour.org/sites/clx5zpfjd0001x8v9e3igf970>

The home is at 440 Lakewood Dr, Fairview, TX 75069. Park along the street and walk up the driveway. Guided tours will begin about every 30 minutes, and last about 50 minutes. See more information about the Westbrook House at <https://enerjazz.com/house>