

Off-grid power system design



Overview

There are three key factors to consider when sizing an off-grid system: 1. Peak power demand 2. Daily kWh usage 3. Nightly kWh usage ("kWh" stands for kilowatt-hour, the standard measure of how much electricity your appliances consume while in use. You can find this rating on the appliance's EnergyStar sheet.) To start, make a list of each appliance. Before we get into the system sizing process, consider the following: 1. Sun Hours Some parts of the country get more exposure to the sun than others. You'll need to know how many sun hours you get in your location -- a measure of the duration and intensity sunlight in your region. Fortunately there's no guesswork involved, thanks to the solar inso. What are the electrical loads that you will need to run?

Will they all run at the same time, or can you rotate the loads?

Your peak power demand is your total wattage usage when you are running all the electrical loads you need simultaneously. By staggering usage of major appliances at different times, you can reduce your peak power demand and bring. Using the load evaluation worksheet you filled out, multiply the appliance wattage by the number of hours it will be in use each day. As an example, if you run a 1,500-watt dishwasher for 30 minutes each day: $1,500 \text{ watts} \times 0.5 \text{ hours} = 750 \text{ watt-hours (Wh)}$ Remember to divide by 1000 to convert from watts to kilowatts. $750 \text{ Wh} / 1000 = 0.75 \text{ kWh}$ daily u. In the daytime, the power you use comes straight from your solar panels. When the sun goes down and panels are no longer generating power, the battery bank takes over and your appliances will run off of stored energy. Using the same metho...

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