

Why plant grass under photovoltaic panels



Overview

Solar arrays can redirect rain to the edge of panels and offer shade to plants growing beneath them. [Photo: Matthew Sturchio, CC BY-ND]. Grass struggles to thrive near solar photovoltaics due to four primary reasons: inadequate sunlight exposure, altered soil composition, disrupted water drainage, and pest presence. In more detail, sunlight exposure becomes limited because solar panels greatly shade the ground beneath, creating a. Researchers used Jack's Solar Garden in Longmont to study how shade from solar panels helps boost Colorado grassland productivity in dry years. In observing recent installations of solar arrays, the pre-construction field conditions vary greatly. Solar panels on grasslands can generate electricity and useful forage or wildlife habitat.

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The panels can create a significant barrier, preventing optimal light exposure necessary for healthy plant growth. This extended shading can result in lower photosynthetic efficiency, thus ...

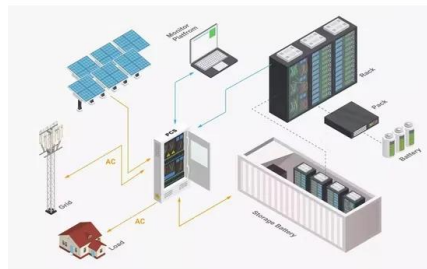


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Benefits can include protecting the soil, improved pollinator habitat and livestock (primarily sheep) grazing performance and reduced maintenance cost for the solar operator. In observing ...



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Despite the different climatic conditions, similar positive trends were observed with a drop in temperature and an increase in soil humidity under the solar panels, as well as a better quality

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