

Thinking About Adding A Battery?

Read This First.



CHECK YOUR EXISTING SOLAR SYSTEM FIRST

Before adding a battery, your existing solar system should be checked to make sure your panels, inverter, wiring & electrical equipment are operating correctly. An ageing or underperforming system may need attention before a battery is added. Your existing inverter may also not be suitable for the battery you are considering. All Natural Energy can assess your existing solar system, identify potential issues & determine what may need to be upgraded or changed before adding a battery.



WORK OUT HOW MUCH BATTERY YOU ACTUALLY NEED

Don't assume that bigger is better. The right battery size depends on how much electricity your household uses, how much solar you generate and when you use your electricity. A battery that's too small may not meet your needs, while an oversized battery may not provide the value you're expecting. We look at your existing system and energy usage to help determine a battery size and configuration that makes sense for your home — rather than simply selling you the biggest package available.



DON'T COMPARE BATTERIES ON KWH ALONE

When comparing quotes, look beyond the advertised battery capacity. Consider usable capacity, power output, inverter compatibility, charging capability, efficiency, warranty and expected lifespan. Two batteries with the same advertised kWh capacity can perform very differently depending on the system they're connected to. Our focus is on designing the complete system so your battery, inverter and solar panels work together effectively.



THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT YOUR BATTERY TO DO

Are you trying to use more of your own solar power? Reduce your evening electricity purchases? Reduce your power bills? Or keep important appliances running during a blackout? Knowing what you want your battery to achieve helps determine the right system. At All Natural Energy, we'll discuss your goals and explain your options so you understand what you're actually buying — not just which battery is cheapest.



WANT BACKUP POWER? MAKE SURE IT'S INCLUDED

A battery doesn't automatically mean your home will have electricity during a blackout. If backup power is important to you, make sure the system is specifically designed for it and find out exactly what will remain powered during an outage. We'll explain the available backup options and any additional equipment or installation requirements, so there are no surprises later.

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CONSIDER WHERE THE BATTERY WILL BE INSTALLED

Battery location matters.

Heat, direct sunlight, weather exposure, access, clearances and protection all need to be considered when choosing the installation location.

We assess the proposed battery location as part of the system design, rather than simply putting the battery wherever there happens to be space. Our price includes relevant bollards and shade shelters as required.



ASK WHAT IS ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THE QUOTE

A cheap advertised battery price may only cover a basic installation.

When comparing quotes, ask whether the price includes everything you need, including switchboard work, cabling, inverter upgrades, backup equipment, protection, mounting requirements and other electrical work where applicable.

We aim to identify installation requirements upfront so you have a clear understanding of what you're paying for.



CHECK THE PRODUCT, WARRANTY & SUPPORT

Don't just ask, "How long is the battery warranty?" Find out what the warranty covers, who supports the product, how warranty claims are handled and who you will contact if something goes wrong. All Natural Energy has been in the solar industry for over 25 yrs. We've seen companies come & go, particularly during periods of government rebates, leaving customers struggling to get support for systems they've purchased. We're focused on using quality products with established manufacturer support and being here for our customers in the future.



LOOK AT THE INSTALLER — NOT JUST THE BATTERY

When comparing quotes, you're not only buying a battery. You're buying the design, installation, electrical work, advice and ongoing support that comes with it. Ask yourself: Who is actually designing my system? Who is installing it? Who will I call if something goes wrong? Will this company still be around in five or ten years? With over 25 years of solar experience, All Natural Energy has built its reputation on real installations, experienced advice & quality workmanship — not high-pressure sales or short-term battery deals.



DON'T LET PRICE BE THE ONLY DECIDING FACTOR

The cheapest quote may look attractive, but it's important to understand exactly what you're getting for the money. Compare the battery, inverter, usable capacity, system design, installation, warranties, backup capability, inclusions and the experience of the installer.

A battery is a long-term investment. Saving a little upfront isn't much of a saving if the system doesn't perform as expected or you can't get help when something goes wrong.