



## **Solar Permitting Requirements in Garfield County**

To determine whether your solar energy system is an accessory, small, or large facility please click the following link: [Land Use and Development Code, Article 15 – Solar Facility Definitions](#)

- Building permits are NOT required for construction of solar energy systems.
- Pursuant to Colorado State Statute, *C.R.S. 12-115-120*, all electrical permits (including those needed for solar) are obtained through the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).
- To apply for an electrical permit please click on the following link: <https://dpo.colorado.gov/EandP/Permits>.
- Any accessory solar system 15kW or *less* is a Use by Right and does NOT require a Land Use Change Permit.
- All solar systems need to meet setback requirements for the specific zone district the property is located in. To view the setback requirements for the Land Use and Development Code, please click on the following link: [Land Use and Development Code Article 3 – Zone District Table](#).
- All solar energy systems must comply with the Article 7 Standards of the Garfield County Land Use and Development Code. To view the standards for solar energy system requirements, click the following requirements: [Land Use and Development Code Article 7 – Solar Energy System Standards](#).
- All solar energy systems greater than 15kW will require a Land Use Change permit application to be submitted through the Garfield County Community Development department.

### **For Additional Information on the Land Use Change Permit process:**

- 1. Contact Garfield County Community Development Dept. at 970-945-8212**
- 2. Speak with a Sr. Planner about scheduling a pre-application conference for a solar system greater than 15kW**