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FOR SALE

The infographic features a row of seven houses with solar panels on their roofs. To the right is a 'FOR SALE' sign. A magnifying glass is positioned over one of the houses, with a callout bubble indicating a '\$15,000 PREMIUM'. The background is a light blue sky with a sunburst effect.

Buying a solar energy system will likely increase your home's value. A [recent study](#) found that solar panels are viewed as upgrades, just like a renovated kitchen or a finished basement, and home buyers across the country have been

willing to pay a premium of about \$15,000 for a home with an average-sized solar array. Additionally, there is evidence homes with solar panels sell faster than those without. In 2008, California homes with energy efficient features and PV were found to sell faster than homes that consume more energy. Keep in mind, these studies focused on homeowner-owned solar arrays.

<https://emp.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/lbnl-1002778.pdf>

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