

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS GUIDELINES FOR SOLAR COLLECTOR INSTALLATIONS

Because of differing styles of architecture in Montgomery Village and continuing changing developments in technology, new collector designs and size requirements will require all applications for solar collectors to be considered on their own merits. Each application however must be submitted with all proper information necessary for the Architectural Review Board to make an informed decision. The approval of a solar collector installation for one applicant will not necessarily provide reason or rationale for approving the same installation in another community. Therefore, the submission of all information suggested in the guidelines does not guarantee approval of the application. Further, if the Property Improvement Request is approved, the Montgomery Village Foundation assumes no responsibility in disputes involving rights of access to sunlight, either at the time of the installation or anytime in the future.

The following guidelines and considerations have been adopted by the Montgomery Village Foundation in order to assist an applicant in making a request to the Architectural Review Board for a solar collector installation:

1. No piping is to be exposed on the exterior of the roof.
2. The frames of the collectors must be painted to match the background. If tilting requires angling away from the roof, a solid screen must be provided to frame.
3. An installation may be either the domestic hot water or hot air system. Roof collectors will be parallel to the ridge line and roof slope.
4. In regard to the style of collectors, first consideration would be given to flat rectangular collectors. These collectors should not be elevated more than size (6) inches from the roof surface.
5. Solar collectors will be approved for both front and rear roof locations however first consideration shall be given to locating these collectors on the rear roof for least visible impact.