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solar energy and cost and united states

The word AND tells the computer that all of your search terms must be in the article.



Click the Search button to perform the search. You will see a results page in a few seconds.

The first thing we recommend is to sort your results by relevance. This pulls the best results to the top of your list. Of course, if you want the most current information, skip this step.



Notice the drop box with the Relevance option and the arrows pointing to the date limit slider and the Search Options. Using the date slider you can get rid of older articles and use the search options to find only articles longer than 1 or 2 pages (this gives you more

than just minimal material to work with). Notice that article number 2 is only 2/3 of a page, which is often too short to help you in your project.

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Date: 2004
Subjects: SOLAR houses,SOLAR buildings,SOLAR energy,
Abstract: Deals with super-efficient solar homes in the U.S. solar homes by the U.S. Department of Energy and America program; Cost of having a solar home; averages per month of the solar homes built by City, Tennessee; Energy-saving features of the homes built by Christian; Information on the ge used in solar homes; Interest of utility companies zero-energy home programs. INSET: How You c

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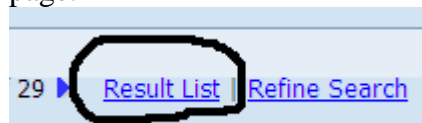
(cover story) By Little, Amanda Criscom, Mother Earth News, Dec 2004

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