

Sustainability Served Hot

Agua Verde Cafe & Paddle Club
Seattle, Washington

Agua Verde Cafe & Paddle Club, nestled on the shores of Lake Washington and the west end of the University of Washington campus, is a dining and recreation destination for many in the Seattle area. Patrons can order from the Baja-inspired menu and kayak around the arboretum after dining. But Agua Verde tries to do all of this in an eco-friendly manner.

"We strive to use organic, sustainable and eco-friendly food and are proud of our recycling and composting efforts."

Agua Verde contacted Sunergy Systems to assist them in incorporating a Solar Hot Water pre-heating system into their facility.

"Our goals for installing the system were twofold. First we are always looking for ways to reduce the use of natural resources. Second it's a solid investment as it's going to reduce our energy bills enough to pay for itself and more," said Alex Mondau, Operations Manger.



Sunergy Systems designed and installed a custom system for us, doing an amazing job of working around existing utilities and structures to create a professional finish in our very unique old building.

- Alex Mondau, Agua Verde Cafe & Paddle Club





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"Thus far we've seen a reduction of about \$200 a month in our natural gas bill, about 25 percent (though not all our gas is used for heating water, we use it to cook and to heat the patio). We expected a slightly more modest savings of about \$150 or so this winter."

Mondau goes on to say, "We're anticipating our savings to increase even more during the summer as our historical consumption of natural gas increases with our seasonal business, so the system will be even more efficient as our need increases! In years past we've had hot water volume issues during peak dish-washing hours, we hope this system eliminates that issue."

Ilan Fuss helped us research and design a system that would make the most impact in energy gains and Steve Tedesco and his crew deserve credit for installing a great system that fit our tight time-line and limited space exactly!

- Alex Mondau, Agua Verde Cafe & Paddle Club

Are you interested in installing a solar electric or solar water heating system on your home or business? Contact Sunergy Systems for an on-site evaluation from one of our Solar Design Consultants today.

