

Growing Green

at Iwasaki Bros., Inc.
Hillsboro, Oregon

Over the last few decades, Iwasaki Bros., Inc. has become one of the Northwest's largest wholesale growers of bedding plants, offering a complete line of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable, and hanging baskets.

In late 2009, Iwasaki Bros. contracted with Sunergy Systems to complete the largest grid-tied, solar power installation done by a Washington State based company. They report that the solar power system will generate nearly a quarter of their total electrical usage.

Iwasaki Bros. says it contracted with Sunergy Systems to install the solar power system for several reasons. After observing a project a friend had undertaken, Jim Iwasaki was interested in the prospect of installing a solar power system for their business. "We wanted to reduce our carbon footprint, lower our energy costs and utilize incentives while they are still there," said Steve Ussery of Iwasaki Bros. "The actual installation went very smoothly."



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Sunergy sourced products from two local, Oregon companies for this project. The 665 solar panels were supplied by SolarWorld of Hillsboro and PV Powered of Bend supplied the inverter which connects the system to the grid.

“This is a really cool, big picture thing...!” according to Howard Lamb, Founder and Principle Engineer with Sunergy Systems. “The Iwasaki Brothers are using solar to help raise their bedding plants. Once sold and planted, these “solar raised” specimens will then be using the sun’s rays to grow and mature... if that’s not a perfect “circle of life” example of how modern day solar can work, I don’t know what is! We’re extremely proud of this solar project and ALL of the good it will do!”

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.

