

Mid-Winter Shadow Length: 14°S

When Installing a solar array behind or generally to the south of an object, such as another solar array, you may need to know how far to the south of the object the new solar array may need to be in order to not be shaded. Since mid winter is when the longest shadows occur, the table below gives the direction of the shadow for each 15 minute interval. The horizontal distance of the shadow can then be calculated by multiplying the height of the object (eg solar array) by the shadow length multipliers provided in the table. It is recommended that these calculations be performed for both the eastern and the western end of the obstacle.

Local Time	Sun Azimuth	Sun Altitude	Direction	Length	Cast Shadow		
					South	East/West	
6:53	65.929°	RISE	245.929				
7:00	65.503°	1.026°	245.503	55.850			
7:15	64.524°	4.323°	244.524	13.227			
7:30	63.450°	7.593°	243.450	7.501			
7:45	62.273°	10.831°	242.273	5.227			
8:00	60.985°	14.032°	240.985	4.001			
8:15	59.573°	17.192°	239.573	3.232			
8:30	58.026°	20.304°	238.026	2.703			
8:45	56.328°	23.362°	236.328	2.315			
9:00	54.463°	26.356°	234.463	2.018			
9:15	52.412°	29.279°	232.412	1.784			
9:30	50.153°	32.118°	230.153	1.593			
9:45	47.663°	34.860°	227.663	1.436			
10:00	44.916°	37.491°	224.916	1.304			
10:15	41.887°	39.992°	221.887	1.192			
10:30	38.550°	42.342°	218.550	1.097			
10:45	34.881°	44.518°	214.881	1.017			
11:00	30.862°	46.493°	210.862	0.949			
11:15	26.486°	48.240°	206.486	0.893			
11:30	21.759°	49.728°	201.759	0.847			
11:45	16.708°	50.928°	196.708	0.812			
12:00	11.381°	51.812°	191.381	0.787			
12:15	5.853°	52.357°	185.853	0.771			
12:30	0.217°	52.550°	180.217	0.766			
12:45	354.576°	52.385°	174.576	0.771			
13:00	349.036°	51.865°	169.036	0.785			
13:15	343.691°	51.007°	163.691	0.810			
13:30	338.617°	49.830°	158.617	0.844			
13:45	333.864°	48.363°	153.864	0.889			
14:00	329.461°	46.635°	149.461	0.944			
14:15	325.415°	44.676°	145.415	1.011			
14:30	321.719°	42.514°	141.719	1.091			
14:45	318.357°	40.177°	138.357	1.184			
15:00	315.306°	37.687°	135.306	1.294			
15:15	312.539°	35.066°	132.539	1.425			
15:30	310.030°	32.331°	130.030	1.580			
15:45	307.754°	29.499°	127.754	1.768			
16:00	305.688°	26.583°	125.688	1.998			
16:15	303.809°	23.593°	123.809	2.290			
16:30	302.099°	20.540°	122.099	2.669			
16:45	300.541°	17.432°	120.541	3.185			
17:00	299.120°	14.275°	119.120	3.930			
17:15	297.822°	11.077°	117.822	5.108			
17:30	296.637°	7.842°	116.637	7.261			
17:45	295.556°	4.575°	115.556	12.498			
18:00	294.570°	1.279°	114.57	44.794			
18:08	294.021°	SET	114.021				

The length is in the direction indicated in the previous column. The shadow length is a multiplier. For example, if the height of the object is 0.75 metres, then multiply the multiplier in each line by 0.75 to give the horizontal shadow length in metres.

The south and east/west components of the shadow show how far south of the object the shadow will be cast and how far east or west of the object the shadow will be cast on a horizontal plane. The south and east/west components are multipliers as for length.

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