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Solar is a fast-growing energy source that is vital to the U.S. effort to reduce fossil fuel use. When solar panels, which typically have a lifespan of more than 25 years, reach the end of their lives and become a waste stream, they must be managed safely.

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In summary, our fundamental conclusion underscores the imperative for waste management to waste perceive as a dual asset: firstly, as a valuable raw material that can be reintegrated into the economy, and secondly, as a potent energy resource capable of enhancing the energy portfolio of cities. This dual perspective on waste not only aligns with the principles ...

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One approach uses sealants that can be dissolved without damaging other panel materials. Another contains layers that allow sections of the panel to be cleanly "unzipped" from others. This ability to easily disassemble solar panels makes reuse, repair, and recycling processes simpler and more efficient.

But a group of researchers from Wuhan University have figured out an alternative means of recycling that avoids the production of toxic waste and is more energy-efficient as a bonus.

PV waste is currently treated as a general electronic waste and as stated by [73] there is no specific mention of solar PVs in the E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, or the Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. Which will leave India with a substantial amount of waste without any proper management actions.

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