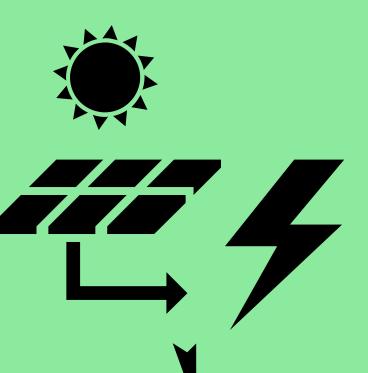
The Smart Meter Bucket analogy





Simple Explanation

- The Sun Shines on your PV Panels and makes Electricity to use.
 If you make more than you use, the bucket fills and you export.
 Paladin intercepts the excess and sends it to the Hot Water System.

Not So Simple Explanation

- In a Smart Meter, the bucket is a 3600 joule (1 watt/second) capacitor.
 As you use electricity the bucket empties and as you make it, it fills.
 Paladin reads the grid house line 3200 times a second and knows exactly what is happening in the bucket, so.
 When the bucket half full (or empty) it diverts exactly the correct amount to the hot water heater to keep everything in balance.
 If the sky was always blue and the house load always steady this would be easy, and you could do this with a timer.
 But this is not so, the balance between the PV and the house load is chaotic and ever changing.
 And the electric pixies dance fast ...
 So Paladin works every mains cycle, adjusting the hot water load regardless of the house demand and PV output.
 As long as the excess is less than your heater capacity and the water temperature less than maximum:
 All your excess PV will go to the hot water and virtually none to the grid.

