

CONSERVE & \$SAVE®

SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE APPLICATION

SECTION A. CUSTOMER INFORMATION (please print)

Customer Name _____ Account Number _____

Installation Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address (if different from installation address) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone Number (with area code) _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Other: _____ E-mail Address _____

How did you hear about CONSERVE & SAVE®? Billboard Chamber of Commerce Contractor Newspaper Radio Retailer/Vendor
 Social Media TV Utility Newsletter Utility Representative Utility Web Site Other _____

SECTION B. SOLAR INSTALLER/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Business Name _____ Lead Installer Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone Number (with area code) _____ E-mail Address _____

Is installer NABCEP Solar Thermal certified? (not required) No Yes If yes, NABCEP Solar Thermal Number: _____

Plumbing Contractor License #: _____ General Contractor License # (where required): _____

By typing my first and last names in the CUSTOMER SIGNATURE BOX below, I am signing this document and certify:

- I have completely filled out Sections A, B, and C
- I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions – Section D
- I have attached all support materials:
 - Interconnection Agreement/Documents
 - Shading Analysis (Pathfinder, SunEye, or similar)
 - Energy Audit Report
 - Invoice
- All equipment has been installed at the address listed in Section A

Allow 6-8 weeks for processing. Missing or incorrect information will increase the processing time.

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE BOX _____ Date _____

SOLAR INSTALLER SIGNATURE _____ Date _____



OFFICE USE ONLY Gas Electric Water **Total Rebate Amount:**

Date Received _____ Date Processed _____ \$

Appliance/Equipment _____

ID _____ Verified By _____ FILE NAME: _____

SECTION C. INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Current water heating fuel type: Natural gas Propane (LP) Electric Other: _____

New Installation Installation Date: _____ Installation Cost: _____

Collector Type: Flat Plate Evacuated Tube Number of Collectors/Tubes: _____ Roof Mount Ground Mount

Collector Manufacturer Name: _____ Collector Model Number: _____

Net Aperture: _____ SRCC Certification Number: _____

Collector Tilt Angle (35–60 degrees from horizontal): _____ Azimuth Angle (must be between 135–225 degrees): _____

Shading Analysis

Solar Storage Tank Manufacturer Name: _____ Solar Tank Model Number: _____ Solar Tank Volume (gallons): _____

Back-up Water Heater: Same as Existing
Replacement Manufacturer: _____ Model Number: _____ Storage Volume (gallons): _____

Pump Manufacturer Name: _____ Pump Model Number: _____ Horsepower: _____ AC DC

SECTION D. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The CONSERVE & SAVE® solar hot water rebate for household and businesses provides financial support for the installation of solar domestic hot water systems. A rebate of \$15 per sq ft NET aperture (up to a maximum lifetime total rebate per location of \$1,200) will be available to customers who meet the following:

- Install a new solar hot water system.
- Must be an Austin Utilities or Owatonna Public Utilities residential or commercial customer.
- System must provide domestic hot water. Space heating is permitted if connected to domestic hot water, but the space heating portion of the system is NOT eligible for an incentive. System may not be integrated into a pool or hot tub.
- System must meet the Minnesota Department of Energy Resources rebate requirements in addition to the utility requirements. (See www.state.mn.us; search “solar hot water rebate.”)
- Applicants must conduct an energy audit on the proposed site and share results with their utility.

Installation Requirements:

- Must comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and utility laws and requirements.
- Must comply with all applicable building and zoning codes and obtain all appropriate permits, providing copies of such permits to their utility.
- System must be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor, licensed general contractor, licensed residential building contractor, or licensed residential remodeler. Home-built systems are not eligible.
- System must include at least a two-year installation warranty that covers any defect in the workmanship of the installation at no charge to the owner.
- Applicant must demonstrate that system will not be shaded by buildings, trees, electricity poles, towers, chimneys, by using a shading analysis tool and site photo. Installation should result in energy production equivalent to a minimum net effect of 80% of an ideally sited system.
- System must be installed within 90 days of receiving approval from the utility.

Equipment Requirements:

- All system components must be new.
- Entire system must be rated by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) and assembled by the manufacturer.
- Collectors must be SRCC OG-100 rated and have a five-year warranty; other components must have a one-year warranty. Flat plate collectors must have tempered glass glazing.

Funding:

- Due to limited funding, this rebate offer can be withdrawn at any time without notice. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All applications from the previous year's purchases must be received by March 31.

Steps to Receiving a Solar Hot Water Rebate:

1. Customer notifies their utility of plans to install a solar thermal water heating system.
2. Customer has an energy audit conducted on the proposed site. Energy audit to be performed by a certified energy auditor, professional engineer, or certified energy manager. If an audit has been conducted on site in the last three years, this step can be skipped.
3. Customer shares energy audit results with their utility.
4. If application is approved, the utility will prepare and mail rebate application to the customer.
5. Customer fills out all documents and returns them to the utility, along with a detailed copy of paid invoice/receipt and shading analysis.
6. Utility and the city building and safety department inspect the installed hot water system before issuing a rebate check.
7. Rebate check will be issued to the customer/owner of the property.

Return the completed application and required documentation to your utility provider:

Austin Utilities
Attn: Rebate Processing
1908 14th St NE
Austin, MN 55912-4904
507-433-8886
www.austinutilities.com
or email: rebates@austinutilities.com

Owatonna Public Utilities
Attn: Rebate Processing
PO Box 800
Owatonna, MN 55060-0800
507-451-2480
www.owatonnautilities.com
or email: rebates@owatonnautilities.com