

2021 Residential Energy Efficiency Programs



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House Call Audit

To schedule an audit, complete a Pre-Audit Questionnaire available online or in our lobby and return it to our office. The first step to saving energy is an energy audit. A House Call audit includes an in-depth review of your energy use and written report listing energy saving recommendations.


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Standard Audit: \$50 (\$300 value)

Performance Audit: \$125 (\$380 value) includes infrared diagnosis

Find more details about our House Call audit program online or by calling: Austin Utilities at 507.433.8886 or Owatonna Public Utilities at 507.457.2480.

	HOUSE CALL - INSULATION & SEALING	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
To qualify for a rebate in this section you must have a "House Call" completed.			
Attic Insulation	Qualified CEE* Contractor installed - Must be recommended in "House Call" audit and add a minimum of R19 with ending R value of 44 or greater.	\$350 (capped at 50% of cost)	
Attic Air Sealing	"House Call" audit must be performed prior to work being conducted. All bypasses identified in audit must be addressed and work performed by Qualified CEE* Contractor. Retrofit only.	\$200	
Rim Joist Sealing	"House Call" audit must be performed prior to work being conducted. Rim joist sealing identified in audit and work completed by Qualified CEE* Contractor. Retrofit only.	\$150	
Wall Insulation	Qualified CEE* Contractor installed -Must be recommended in "House Call" audit. Minimum 450sq. ft. of insulation for rebate. Injection for empty wall cavities only. Exterior Rigid Foam: R5 or greater on already insulated walls. Retrofit only.	\$300 for Injection \$200 for Exterior rigid foam	
Bonus Water Heater	Program-qualified water heater (WH) to replace an orphaned water heater. Must replace atmospheric WH with power vent tank or tankless WH. Must be verified through audit.	\$100	


	HOME INSULATION MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Attic Insulation	Self Installed or Non CEE Qualified Contractor installed. Must add a minimum of R19 with ending R value of 44 or greater. Retrofit only.	\$125 (capped at 50% of material cost)	
Replacement Doors (less than 50% glass)	ENERGY STAR® rated for northern climate zone. Must be exterior entry door into a conditioned living space, not including storm doors. Retrofit only.	\$25	
Water Heater-Electric Heat Pump	Purchase of new ENERGY STAR® unit. Must replace existing electric or new construction.	Electric Heated Home 20-55 gallon HP = \$270. Greater than 55 = \$60. Gas Heated Home 20-55 gallon = \$400. Greater than 55 = \$90.	


*CEE=Center for Energy & Environment




 HEATING, COOLING & WATER HEATING	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Boiler Natural Gas	AFUE* greater than or equal to 85%.	85% AFUE = \$200; 90% AFUE = \$400; 95% AFUE = \$500 Boilers with indirect fire water heater = \$100 additional rebate
ECM Circulator Pump	Electronically Commutated Motor on boiler or domestic water heater circulator pumps less than 750 kWh.	Less than 100 watts = \$50 100-499 watts = \$200 500-750 watts = \$600
Furnace Natural Gas Retrofit	AFUE* greater than or equal to 92%.	92% AFUE = \$150; 95% AFUE = \$300; 97% AFUE = \$400
Furnace Natural Gas New Construction	AFUE* greater then or equal to 95%.	95% AFUE = \$100; 97% AFUE = \$200
Furnace Fan Motor	Retrofit motor to Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) on existing furnace: New furnace installations do not qualify.	\$50
Smart Thermostat	Thermostat must control primary heating system. If self-installed, original UPC code from box required.	WiFi Enabled \$50
Fireplace Electronic Ignition Hearth	On-demand electronic ignition in a sealed combustion/direct vent unit.	\$75
Clean and Tune: Furnace/Boiler and/or Central Air Conditioners	Must be performed by a Professional HVAC or Boiler Technician. Eligible every other year.	\$25
Central Air Conditioners & Ductless Mini Split Systems	Minimum efficiency requirement of 14.5 SEER* and AHRI* certified.	20,000 Cooling BTU/ hr or less: \$100 plus \$20 efficiency bonus. Greater than 20,000 Cooling BTU/hr: \$200 plus \$20 efficiency bonus.
Heat Pumps - Air Source	15.5 SEER* or greater. HSPF requirements vary. (HSPF = Heating Seasonal Performance Factor).	See rebate form for details. For electric heating, see our Primary Electric Heat Application.
Heat Pumps - Ground Source - Water-to-Air Water-to-Water	EER* and COP* requirements vary. See rebate form for details.	200 per Ton + \$20 - efficiency bonus + \$250 per desuperheater.
Water Heaters - Natural Gas Tank	Tank (Storage) UEF* greater than or equal to 0.62	.64 UEF = \$125 .80 UEF = \$250
Water Heater- Natural Gas Tankless	Tankless (Instantaneous) UEF greater than .82	.82 UEF = \$200 .91 UEF = \$250
Water Heater- Electric Heat Pump	Purchase of new ENERGY STAR® unit. Must replace existing electric water heater or new construction.	Electric Heated Home 20-55 gallon HP = \$270; greater than 55 = \$60. Gas Heated Home: 20-55 gallon = \$400; greater than 55 = \$90.

*AFUE=Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency. *SEER=Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating. *UEF=Uniform Energy Factor. *EER=Energy Efficiency Rating. *COP=Coefficient of Performance. *AHRI=Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute.

 ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Clothes Dryer (Natural Gas Only)	Purchase of a new Natural Gas ENERGY STAR® rated unit. You must be a natural gas customer.	Gas Dryers only: \$50
Clothes Washers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® or ENERGY STAR Most Efficient® rated unit.	ENERGY STAR® Up to \$75 ENERGY STAR Most Efficient® up to \$90
Dehumidifiers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit	\$15 rebate (no recycling of working unit) \$25 rebate (with recycling of working unit) Bonus Recycling Rebate
Dishwashers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® or ENERGY STAR Most Efficient® rated unit.	ENERGY STAR® \$25 ENERGY STAR Most Efficient® \$40
LED Bulbs	Purchase of new ENERGY STAR® rated LED's.	50% of bulb cost not to exceed \$7 per bulb
LED Light Fixtures	Purchase of new ENERGY STAR® rated LED light fixtures.	50% of fixture cost, up to \$20. ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient Ceiling Fans with lighting 50% of fixture cost up to \$25
Refrigerators - Freezers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	\$25 appliance for purchase Bonus Recycling Rebate
Room Air Conditioners	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	\$25 for purchase Bonus Recycling Rebate
Bonus Recycling Rebate	Available for recycling of a working dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer or room air conditioner	Up to \$15 (Must include recycling receipt)

 WATER EFFICIENCY MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
High Efficiency Toilet (HET)	WATERSENSE® Label	\$25
Rain Barrel Rebate	Minimum size 40 gallons	\$10
Showerhead	WATERSENSE® Label	\$25
Weather Based Irrigation	WATERSENSE® Label	\$75

 GREEN EFFICIENCY MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Solar Photovoltaic System	2.0 kW minimum	\$500
Solar Thermal Water Heating	Must serve domestic hot water	\$15 per sq ft net aperture (up to \$1200)
Partners In Planting Tree Rebate (available in Austin)	Must be a tree purchased from a qualifying nursery and listed on the qualifying tree list	\$10
SolarChoice Community Solar (not currently available at OPU)	Must be an AU electric customer	6-year plan = \$340 per panel



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