2026 RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

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CONSERVE & $AVE™

For more information about Conserve & Save™ and to download rebate forms, visit our websites.

Standard Audit: $50
($350 value)

Performance Audit: $125
($450 value) includes infrared diagnosis

Find more details about our House Call audit program online or by calling:

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HOUSE CALL – INSULATION & SEALING	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
To qualify for a rebate in this section you must have a "House Call" energy audit completed prior to work performed.		
House Call Audit	Completed pre-audit questionnaire available online or in our lobby and return it to our office. A house call audit includes an in-depth review of your energy use and written report listing energy-saving recommendations.	
Attic Insulation	Qualified Contractor* installed. Must be recommended in "House Call" audit and add a minimum of R19 with ending R value of 49 or greater.	$350 (capped at 50% of cost)
Attic Air Sealing	Qualified Contractor* installed. Must be recommended in "House Call" audit. All bypasses identified in audit must be addressed. Retrofit only.	$200
Rim Joist Sealing	Qualified Contractor* installed. Must be recommended in "House Call" audit. Rim Joist sealing identified in audit. Retrofit only.	$150
Wall Insulation	Qualified 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.
Orphaned Water Heater	Must be verified through "House Call" audit. Program-qualified water heater (WH) to replace an orphaned water heater. Must replace atmospheric WH with power vent tank or tankless WH.	$100 bonus added to current water heater rebate amount.

HOME INSULATION MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Attic Insulation	Self-Installed or Contractor installed. Must add a minimum of R19 with ending R value of 49 or greater. Retrofit only.	$200 (capped at 50% of material cost)
Aerosol Duct Sealing	Contractor installed. Minimum 15% reduction of airflow (CFM25) required.	With electric heat or heat pump: $2.50/CFM25 reduction, $500 max. With gas heat: $2.50/CFM25 reduction, $100 max.

*See Qualified Contractors List

HEATING & COOLING	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Boiler Natural Gas	AFUE* greater than or equal to 91%.	91% AFUE = $500; 95% AFUE = $600. Boilers with indirect fire water heater = $100 additional rebate.
ECM Circulator Pumps	Electronically Commutated Motor on boiler or domestic water heater circulator pumps less than 750 kWh.	Less than 100 watts = $50; 100-499 watts = $75; 500-750 watts = $100.
Furnace Natural Gas Retrofit	AFUE* greater than or equal to 95%.	95% AFUE = $400; 96% AFUE = $500; 97% AFUE = $600.
Furnace Natural Gas New Construction	AFUE* greater then or equal to 95%.	95% AFUE = $200; 96% AFUE = $250; 97% AFUE = $300.
Furnace Fan Motors	Retrofit motor to Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) on existing furnace: New furnace installations do not qualify.	$50
Smart Thermostats	Thermostat must control primary heating system. If self-installed, original UPC code from box required.	WiFi Enabled $50
Fireplace Electronic Ignition Hearths	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	SEER2* greater than or equal to 16.2.	20,000 Cooling Btuh* or less: $100 plus $20 efficiency bonus. Greater than 20,000 Cooling Btuh*: $200 plus $20 efficiency bonus.
Heat Pumps—Air Source	SEER2* greater than or equal to 16.2. HSPF* greater than or equal to 7.8. Switchover temp greater than or equal to 30 °F.	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 HEATING	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Water Heaters—Natural Gas Tanks	Tank (Storage) UEF* greater than or equal to 0.81.	0.81 UEF = $350
Water Heaters—Natural Gas Tankless	Tankless (Instantaneous) UEF greater than or equal to 0.95.	0.95 UEF = $350
Water Heaters—Electric Heat Pumps	Purchase of new ENERGY STAR® unit. Must replace existing electric water heater or new construction.	Electric Heated Home: 20-55 gallon HP = $270; Heat Pump existing electric water heater or new construction. Greater than 55 = $60. Gas Heated Home: 20-55 gallon = $400; greater than 55 = $90.

*AFUE=Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency. *SEER2=Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio 2. *UEF=Uniform Energy Factor.
*EER=Energy Efficiency Ratio. *COP=Coefficient of Performance. *AHRI=Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute.
*Btuh=British thermal units per hour. *HSPF=Heating Seasonal Performance Factor.

ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Clothes Washers	See rebate form for details.	ENERGY STAR®: $25-$75 rebate. ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient: $25-$90 rebate.
Clothes Washers for Multi-family Housing	To be eligible for this higher rebate, it must have two or more units with a common clothes washer.	ENERGY STAR®: $50 rebate. ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient: $65 rebate.
Clothes Washer/Dryer Combinations—All-in-One	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit. See rebate form for details.	$25—$60
Heat Pump Clothes Dryers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	$25—single family home. $50—multiple family home installation (2 or more units with common clothes washer).
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.
Air Purifiers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	$25
Dishwashers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® or ENERGY STAR Most Efficient® rated unit.	ENERGY STAR®: $25. ENERGY STAR Most Efficient®: $40.
LED Light Fixtures	Purchase of new DesignLights® rated LED light fixtures. Retrofit only.	50% of fixture cost, up to $20.
Refrigerators—Freezers	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	$25 appliance for purchase. Bonus Recycling Rebate.
Electric Induction Cooktops, Ovens & Ranges	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit. See rebate form for details.	$25
Room Air Conditioners	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit.	$25 for purchase. Bonus Recycling Rebate.
Bonus Recycling	Available for recycling of a working dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer, or room air conditioner.	Up to $15 (Must include recycling receipt) Not to exceed cost of recycling.

WATER EFFICIENCY MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
High Efficiency Toilets (HET)	WATERSENSE® Label.	$25
Rain Barrels	Minimum size 40 gallons.	$10
Showerheads	WATERSENSE® Label.	$25
Weather Based Irrigation Controllers	WATERSENSE® Label.	50% of controller cost, up to $75 per controller.

GREEN EFFICIENCY MEASURES	ELIGIBILITY DESCRIPTION	REBATE
Battery-Powered Lawn Equipment	New battery-powered mowers, lawn trimmers, chainsaws, and leaf blowers with a battery voltage of at least 36 volts. Corded and robotic mowers do not qualify.	$50 push/walk-behind lawn mower; $100 riding lawn mower; $10 lawn trimmer; $10 chainsaw; $10 leaf blower.
Electric-Assisted Bicycles (e-bikes)	See rebate form for details.	$150
Variable Speed Pool Pumps	Purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® rated unit. See rebate form for details.	$100
EV Time-of-Use (TOU) Rate	All-electric 5v-powered solely by an electric battery. Plug-in Hybrid EV—similar to a hybrid, but with a larger battery and electric motor. Hybrid EV—cannot be plugged into an electrical outlet. (Not eligible).	**New Enrollment in TOU Rate:** $500 for first qualifying EV; $150 for each qualifying EV. **Currently Enrolled in TOU Rate:** $150 per qualifying EV.
Level 2 EV Connected Chargers	See rebate form for details.	$15
Partners In Planting Trees (available in Austin)	Must be a tree purchased from a qualifying nursery and listed on the qualifying tree list.	$10