

## Home Energy Rebates Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the Home Energy Rebates?

The Home Energy Rebates will provide Americans with deep discounts on household upgrade purchases that can lower monthly utility bills. Depending on where you live, you can use the rebates to get discounts on ENERGY STAR appliances, insulation, and much more.

States, territories, and Tribes are responsible for running the rebate programs. Visit <u>energy.gov/save/rebates</u> to see if the rebates are already available where you live.

These rebates are available thanks to the landmark Inflation Reduction Act.

### What can I get a rebate for, and how much money can I save?

Depending on where you live, you may be able to get rebates on the following items through the two Home Energy Rebate programs:

#### **Home Efficiency Rebates:**

 Recommended when you're taking a comprehensive set of actions to reduce your energy usage.

- All households are potentially eligible, with the largest rebates going to those with lower incomes.
- You can save up to \$8,000 depending on your household income and project's energy savings.
- Your project will need to reduce your home's energy usage by at least 20 percent.

#### **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates:**

- Recommended when:
  - You're upgrading equipment and appliances in your home.
  - Your household income is similar to or below the average in your area.<sup>1</sup>
- Provides households with up to \$14,000 in rebates.
- Covers up to 100% of costs for lowerincome families and up to 50% for moderate-income families.
- Your state will determine which products are eligible from the following list – you can save up to:



- \$8,000 for an ENERGY STARcertified electric heat pump for space heating and cooling.
- \$4,000 for an electrical panel.
- **\$2,500** for electrical wiring.
- \$1,750 for an ENERGY STARcertified electric heat pump water heater.
- \$1,600 for insulation, air sealing, and mechanical ventilation products.
- \$840 for an ENERGY STAR-certified electric heat pump clothes dryer and/ or an electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven.

## How do I figure out which of these upgrades would make sense for my home?

If you are not sure what makes sense for your home, consider getting a home energy audit from a professional. This assessment should give you a good list of potential projects and upgrades that may be eligible for rebates and federal tax credits.

Programs in your area may offer these audits for free or at low cost. To find discounts, do a web search for home energy audit rebates and tax credits in your city or state. You may also be eligible for a tax credit of up to 30% of the audit's cost – see <a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/articles/how-ensure-your-home-energy-audit-qualifies-150-tax-credit">https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/articles/how-ensure-your-home-energy-audit-qualifies-150-tax-credit</a> for more information.

## I need to do the work now, but rebates aren't available in my state yet. What do I do?

If your home urgently needs energy efficiency upgrades, don't wait. If you need financial assistance, existing state, local, utility, and federal programs, including the Weatherization Assistance Program, may be available – learn more at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/scep/wap/weatherization-assistance-program">https://www.energy.gov/scep/wap/weatherization-assistance-program</a>.

You can go to energy.gov/save for more information on energy-saving purchases that qualify for rebates and tax credits. You can take advantage of up to \$3,200 in tax credits now. More information is available at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/energy-efficient-home-improvement-credit">https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/energy-efficient-home-improvement-credit</a>.

# I already made my purchase and want a rebate, but my state's rebates weren't available when I made the purchase. What do I do?

If you installed energy-efficient equipment in your home after Aug. 16, 2022, you can reach out to your state to see if your project qualifies for a Home Efficiency Rebate. (You must wait until your Home Efficiency and Appliance Rebates program launches to claim any of its incentives.). Find your state's energy office at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/femp/state-energy-offices-and-organizations">https://www.energy.gov/femp/state-energy-offices-and-organizations</a>. To qualify, your project needs to have met all program rules.

DOE strongly recommends waiting until your state's rebate programs launch before beginning your projects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only families making less than 150% of their area median income are potentially eligible. Individual states, territories, and Tribes can set this income cap at a lower level. In 2022, 150% of the **national** median income was roughly \$110,000. Your **area's** median income could be significantly higher or lower. You can go to <a href="https://doi.org/10.2023/select\_Geography.odm">https://doi.org/10.2023/select\_Geography.odm</a> to look up the median income in your area.

