



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Frequently Asked Questions: Home Energy Rebates

### What are the Home Energy Rebates?

The Home Energy Rebates will give money back to Americans 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 and territories are responsible for running the rebate programs. Visit [energy.gov/save/rebates](https://energy.gov/save/rebates) to see if the rebates are already available where you live.

These rebates are available thanks to President Biden's landmark [Inflation Reduction Act](#).

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

You can get rebates on the following items through the two Home Energy Rebate programs:

#### Home Efficiency Rebates:

- Recommended when you're taking several actions to reduce your energy usage.
- All households are 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 state will determine which products and building materials are eligible.

#### 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 lower-income 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 STAR-certified electric heat pump for space heating and cooling.
  - **\$4,000** for an electrical panel.
  - **\$2,500** for electrical wiring.
  - **\$1,750** for an ENERGY STAR-certified 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.
  - **\$840** for an ENERGY STAR-certified electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven.

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<sup>1</sup> Only families making less than 150% of their area median income are eligible. 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 [huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2023/select\\_Geography.odn](https://huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2023/select_Geography.odn) to look up the median income in your area.

## **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 Home Energy Rebate projects and upgrades.

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 <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/articles/how-ensure-your-home-energy-audit-qualifies-150-tax-credit> 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 <https://www.energy.gov/scep/wap/weatherization-assistance-program>.

You can go to [energy.gov/save](https://www.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 <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/energy-efficient-home-improvement-credit>.

## **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 you qualify for a rebate. Find your state's energy office at <https://www.energy.gov/femp/state-energy-offices-and-organizations>. To qualify, you'll need to meet all federal and state program rules.

When possible, DOE recommends waiting until your state's rebate program launches before beginning your projects.