

Frequently Asked Questions: NH ARRA Home Heating System Rebate Program

When is the program going to begin?

The Program will begin April 19, 2010.

Who is eligible for the rebate?

To be eligible for the rebates, you must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in the State of New Hampshire
- Be replacing an existing home heating system
- Install the appliance at your primary residence
- One rebate available per appliance category per applicant
- New construction, Businesses, non-profit and governmental organizations are not eligible

What products are eligible?

The Program provides incentives for this installation of high efficiency, ENERGY STAR rated, boilers, furnaces and hot water heaters. An indoor boiler reset control may also receive an incentive if installed with a new high efficiency boiler.

How much are the rebates?

The rebates vary between \$100-\$1000. The rebates are tiered, allowing consumers to get a greater rebate if they purchase a more energy efficient appliances. The rebates are as follows:

Equipment Type	Minimum Efficiency Requirement	Rebate
Oil Furnaces	AFUE \geq 85%	\$300
	AFUE \geq 85% w/ ECM*	\$400
Gas Furnaces**	AFUE \geq 85%	\$300
	AFUE \geq 90% w/ ECM	\$400
Oil Boilers	AFUE \geq 85%	\$500
	AFUE \geq 90%	\$1,000
Gas Boilers**	AFUE \geq 85%	\$500
	AFUE \geq 90%	\$1,000
Hot Water Heater – Gas Storage	Energy Factor \geq 0.62	\$100
Hot Water Heater – Gas Tankless	Energy Factor \geq 0.82	\$300

How do I apply for the rebate?

Visit www.NHSAVES.com/HeatingRebate to learn more about the program and download a rebate application.

Is the rebate available on prior purchases?

No. Rebates are not available for installations made prior to the commencement of the program.

Am I guaranteed a rebate if I submit an application?

No. Due to limited funding of this program, rebates will be paid on a first come, first serve basis. You can increase your chances of receiving a rebate by completing your project early and submitting all requested documentation with your application. The program will monitor the number of rebates submitted for payment and will provide frequent updates on the program. See the chart displayed on www.nhsaves.com/HeatingRebate.

Is the rebate available for rental properties?

No. Rental properties are deemed to be a business operation. Because this program is available only to residential consumers, landlords of rental properties are not eligible to apply for home heating systems installed into rental properties they own.

What other rebates are available for home heating systems?

The following is a list of other incentives available for residential home heating systems. State Solar Thermal Rebates: The NH Public Utilities Commission is in the process of developing a solar thermal rebate program funded through the Renewable Energy Fund. NH SEEARP program is meant to be an additional rebate on top of any rebates the Commission may choose to offer through other funding sources. As the program is developed, more information will be made available on the Public Utilities Commission website (LINK: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Sustainable%20Energy/SustainableEnergy.htm>) Federal Tax Credits: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act extended the residential tax credits afforded to residents who improve the energy efficiency of their homes, including credits on home heating systems. For more information, please visit EnergySTAR.gov (LINK http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index#chart).

I'm installing a natural gas home heating system. Am I eligible for this program?

The natural gas utilities currently offer a rebate program to residents who are installing an energy efficient natural gas home heating system. Resident replacing an existing home heating system with a natural gas system must first contact their natural gas utility and apply for available rebates. This program is not available to those residents who receive a rebate from their natural gas utility.

Am I eligible for rebates if I purchase my electricity through a municipal electric utility?

Yes. All residents of the State of New Hampshire meeting the eligibility requirements are able to apply for the rebates.

Why are rebates not available for traditional household appliances (fridges, freezers, etc...)?

The goals of the program were to: 1) Save the greatest amount of energy possible. 2) Spur the greatest level of economic activity. 3) Transform appliance markets towards more energy efficient options. 4) Complement existing programs. By choosing home heating systems, New Hampshire will:

- 1) Save 10x more energy than if the rebates were offered on household appliances.
- 2) Create greater number of jobs by supporting an appliance category that requires installed by professional service technicians.
- 3) Increase the number of energy efficient appliances sold in a market sector where only 10% of the systems installed are energy efficient appliances. Conversely, approximately 70% of traditional household appliances sold in New Hampshire are energy efficient appliances.
- 4) Complement existing household appliance rebate programs that are already being offered through the electric utilities.