



Frequently Asked Questions: Illinois ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebate Program

What is the Illinois ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program?

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy has provided funding to states and territories to support consumer rebate programs for ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and HVAC equipment (aka- "statewide appliance rebate"). This program is intended to save energy and water by replacing inefficient appliances with more efficient models.

How does the statewide program relate to the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program?

Many of the statewide program's eligible energy-efficient gas furnaces, gas boilers, and water heaters also meet efficiency criteria for Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program rebates.

Can I claim both the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program and the statewide rebates?

Yes! You can claim both the statewide program's rebates and the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program's rebates as long as the product you buy and install meets efficiency criteria *for both programs* and was installed during the applicable eligibility period (see the additional sections below).

Who is eligible for statewide rebates?

Only Illinois residents installing new **residential scale** HVAC equipment for personal use at their residence (single family, condo, townhome, etc) are eligible for the statewide rebates. The statewide program is **not applicable** to multi-family building owners or management companies. Installations at a place of business (small business, commercial, industrial or municipal space) are also ineligible. To also claim the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program rebate you must be an eligible customer of Peoples Gas or North Shore Gas.

How much is the statewide rebate?

Statewide rebates for equipment that also qualify for Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program's rebates are as follows:

- *Gas furnaces* -- \$350 discount at the time of purchase (purchase and install through a participating contractor)
- *Gas boilers* -- \$1,200 discount at the time of purchase (purchase and install through a participating contractor)
- *Gas storage water heaters*—25% markdown at point of sale (purchase through participating retailers; online sales do not qualify)
- *Gas tankless water heaters*—25% markdown at point of sale (purchase through participating retailers; online sales do not qualify)
- Additional products are eligible for statewide program rebates; visit <http://www.illinoisenergy.org/appliances> for more information.

When are Water Heater and HVAC rebates available through the statewide program?

The Illinois ENERGY STAR Appliance rebate program is offering rebates on qualifying water heaters and heating and cooling equipment beginning Jan 31 and ending when the allocated funds are depleted. Participating contractors and retailers will be notified when to cease offering the point-of-sale rebates..

Can I also get a federal tax credit for my purchase?

Yes! Many products rebated through statewide program's efficiency requirements also meet the efficiency requirements for federal tax credits—which means you could claim multiple incentives if you meet statewide rebate *and* Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program efficiency requirements! Visit [ENERGY STAR's website](#) for more information about how to claim federal tax credits.



What are the statewide rebate eligibility criteria?

To qualify for both program rebates, eligible equipment must meet both the statewide efficiency requirements and the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program's efficiency requirements. In cases where efficiency requirements differ, the model must meet the higher efficiency level between the two programs (see next page for table and rebate amounts).



Product		Chicagoland Efficiency Requirement	Statewide Rebate Efficiency Requirement	Efficiency Requirement to be Eligible for Both Rebates	Statewide Rebate	Chicagoland Rebate	Total Potential Rebate
<i>Must be purchased through a PEEC participating contractor</i>	Gas Furnaces	<p><i>1st tier:</i> 92% - 93% AFUE</p> <p><i>2nd tier:</i> 94%+ AFUE</p>	95%+ AFUE	95%+ AFUE	\$350	<i>2nd tier only:</i> \$450/home	\$800/home
	Gas Boilers	<p><i>1st tier:</i> 85% AFUE</p> <p><i>2nd tier:</i> 95%+ AFUE</p>	90%+ AFUE	95%+ AFUE	\$1,200	<i>2nd tier only:</i> \$600/home	\$1,800/home
<i>Purchase through participating retailers</i>	Gas Storage Water Heaters	ENERGY STAR-qualified			25% markdown at point of sale	\$70/home	\$70+25% markdown/home



When is the statewide rebate offered?

For gas furnaces and boilers, your purchase qualifies only if bought after January 31, 2010. Purchases made before the start date do not qualify.

For gas storage, tankless and condensing water heaters, you must purchase the qualifying water heater between April 16 and April 25, 2010. Purchases made before or after those dates do not qualify.

Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is depleted. You can check the program website for information around remaining program funds and further information here: www.illinoisenergy.org/appliances.

How can I apply for my statewide program rebate?

For gas furnaces and gas boilers, you must have a participating contractor install the system. The rebate will be given through the contractor at the time of purchase as a line-item discount on the purchase price. For a list of qualifying contractors, see the next section.

For gas storage, tankless, and condensing water heaters, you will obtain the markdown at the point of sale. Please note that this markdown is available only through participating retailers. You will be asked to supply your zip code as proof of Illinois residency to be eligible for the statewide program rebate.

Note: Keep your receipt! This proof of purchase documentation will be required to claim your Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program rebate.

Are there any other important considerations for participation?

The statewide rebate program requires that all gas furnaces and boilers be purchased through a participating contractor. Water heaters may be purchased at participating retail locations. No online sales qualify.

The statewide program expires when funds are depleted. You can check the program website for information around remaining program funds and further information here: www.illinoisenergy.org/appliances.

How do I find a participating contractor?

The contractors eligible to offer both statewide and Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program rebates must be a part of the Participating Energy Efficiency Contractor (PEEC) Network (note that contractor installation is only required for furnaces and boilers).

To find a list of qualifying contractors, visit the [PEEC Network's website](#).

Where can I get more information about the statewide program?

Visit the [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's website](#) or call 877-782-7005.