

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy is providing funding to states and territories to support consumer rebate programs for ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and HVAC equipment. The State of Illinois has allocated nearly \$3 million (split into the north and south of the state) of the funds for use by contractors on HVAC rebates. See www.illinoisenergy.org/appliances for more information on the state program.

Contractor Channel Rebates. Launching January 31, 2010, the contractor portion of the promotion will be *point-of-sale* rebates for qualified furnaces, boilers, air source heat pumps, and central air conditioners. See chart below. Note that all these specifications exceed ENERGY STAR efficiency requirements and several meet requirements for the Federal Tax Credits. Please see http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index for more information on the federal tax credits. This program phase will continue until the allotted funds are expended, at which time the program administrator will shut down the program.

HVAC Equipment Rebate Specifics

Product type	Required Efficiency Level	Rebate Amount
Central Air Conditioners	≥SEER 16 (<i>installed</i> efficiency)	\$ 500 discount at time of purchase
Air Source Heat Pumps	≥SEER 16 (<i>installed</i> efficiency)	\$ 1,000 discount at time of purchase
Propane Furnaces	AFUE ≥ 95% (<i>nameplate</i> efficiency)	\$ 350 discount at time of purchase
Gas Furnaces	AFUE ≥ 95% (<i>nameplate</i> efficiency)	\$ 350 discount at time of purchase
Gas Boilers	AFUE ≥ 90% (<i>nameplate</i> efficiency)	\$ 1,200 discount at time of purchase

Eligibility Rules

To participate in this program, the contractor *must* be listed on one of the three utility HVAC contractor networks in Illinois - Ameren's, ComEd's, or the PEEC Network - and must abide by the rules of the program. If a contractor is already a member of one of these, **no further action is needed**. Reimbursement forms will be sent to contractors from the three utility network administrators.

If your company is not already on one of these lists, you may contact one of the administrators below to join:

1. Southern & Central Illinois (Ameren Illinois): 1-866-838-6918
2. Northern Illinois (Chicagoland Natural Gas Saving Program): 1-312-784-7259
3. Northern Illinois (ComEd): 1-847-797-4606

Program Specific Rules and Regulations

To participate in the program, every contractor must follow the rules and regulations laid out below. Failure to comply may result in non-fulfillment of rebate or removal from the contractor lists.

- The state's rebates are to be administered to consumers as an *instant buy down* listed on the customer invoice on the installed cost of the qualifying HVAC equipment. This dollar amount discount must be written on customer invoice and reflected in the final cost to the consumer and must have a line item description stating "**State of Illinois Recovery Act Rebate**".
- Ameren Program Ally contractors will be reimbursed for the Illinois ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program rebates through Ameren. Contact 1-866-838-6918 if you need the reimbursement form or have questions.
- PEEC Network and ComEd Participating Contractors will be reimbursed for these rebates through a separate rebate processor (EGIA). Contact 312-784-7259 or 312-784-7261 if you need the reimbursement form or have questions.
- Efficiency specifications for heat pumps and air conditioners are for INSTALLED EFFICIENCY. AHRI # must be supplied to validate installed efficiency level.
- Efficiency specifications for furnaces and boilers are for NAMEPLATE EFFICIENCY. AHRI # is not required.
- Each submitted rebate application must include a copy of customer invoice consistent with the existing utility program requirements that shows: customer name, address, installation date, installed cost, rebate buy-down list on invoice and make/model of equipment installed (including efficiency). Additional information may be required for utility rebates.
- All rebate reimbursements must be submitted within 10 business days from the date of installation. Rebates submitted after 10 business days will not be reimbursed.

- Only one rebate per product category, per household is allowable. For example, a customer may receive a rebate on a qualifying central air conditioner as well as a qualifying furnace, but would not be eligible for two furnace rebates.
- Only installations in Illinois will qualify. In addition, only Illinois residents are eligible for these rebates. Contractor must provide address of place of install if different than the customer address.
- Only new *installed* HVAC equipment for personal use by an Illinois consumer, for use at the consumer's Illinois residence (single family, condo, townhome, etc) is eligible for this rebate. This program is not applicable to multi-family building owners or management companies. Each customer should have their own distinct electric/gas meter/bill.
- Installations at a place of business (small business, commercial, industrial or municipal space) are not eligible.
- Rebates will not be retro-active; they will be available only during the periods announced.
- This rebate program is meant to complement existing utility rebate programs; contractors are encouraged to offer their customers all applicable rebates.
- In order to receive reimbursement from any of the three contractor networks, a contractor must complete the required paperwork for that network in order to receive payment (registering with one network does not make a contractor eligible to receive payment from another network).
- If the contractor is on multiple utility lists, the contractor *must* match the utility of the customer to the contractor list. For example, if a contractor on both the Act on Energy and ComEd contractor lists installs a central air system for an Ameren electric customer, then the contractor must use the Ameren rebate process. If instead the homeowner is a Nicor gas customer and is getting a new gas furnace, then either utility program administrator will be accepted. If a homeowner is a Nicor gas and Ameren electric customer and gets a central air conditioner and a furnace installed, both rebates must go through the Ameren administrator.
- Seeking reimbursement from two or more utility program administrators for the same product is strictly prohibited and will result in the contractor being banned from the program. All reimbursements will be verified against the other utility administrators.
- The program reserves the right to verify installations and is planning post-installation verifications.
- Failure to comply with all rules may result in non-reimbursement to the contractor and potentially removal from the utility contractor list.
- Funding available for the program is first come, first serve and will total:
 - Southern/Central Illinois: \$800,000
 - Northern Illinois: \$2,000,000
- Additional questions may be directed to:
 - Southern/Central Illinois: 1-866-838-6918
 - Northern Illinois: 1-312-784-7259

Program Shut Down

This program has limited funds and when these are expended, the program will shut down. Participating contractors will receive continual updates on the amount of funds remaining. When the program funds reach a minimal amount, the website and utility program administrators will send out notification to all participating contractors that the program will shut down in 10 business days. Installations must be completed as of the shut down date. Any installations (even if quoted during the program period) after the shutdown date will not be reimbursed by the ARRA funds. All rebate applications from contractors must be received within 10 business days of program shut down. The program will not accept or consider rebates received 10 or more business days after program shut down date. All qualifying rebates for installations by the shut down date and submitted within 10 business days after the program shut down date will be reimbursed.

Utility Programs and ARRA Funding

Utility program rebates will continue according to utility program guidance and are not affected by ARRA funding.

Warranties, Liability, and Release

The Illinois ENERGY STAR Rebate Program and Incentive Administrator do not endorse, guarantee, or warrant any particular contractor, product, or installation. Furthermore, as part of the consideration for participating in the Program, customer and HVAC contractor hereby release and shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Illinois ENERGY STAR Rebate Program and the Incentive Administrator from any and all claims, losses, harm, costs, liabilities, damages, and expenses (including attorney's fees) of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the installation of high efficiency equipment at the premises or any material and labor for such installation.