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Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program: Rebates for Peoples Gas Customers

Program updates:

- If you purchase any eligible equipment from a participating contractor, you can receive your rebate immediately as an instant discount. To find participating contractors, visit www.mwalliance.org/peec.

If you are a customer of Peoples Gas, you are now eligible to receive rebates for purchasing select energy efficient products. The program is open to residential, multi-unit building owner, and small commercial customers of the two utilities who fall within service classes 1 (residential) and 2 (general service), and will be available within the current program dates or until funds are depleted.

Eligible equipment includes certain types of energy-efficient furnaces, boilers, water heaters, and insulation. Read on for more information about eligible equipment, requirements, such as professional installation, and the application process. CUB, along with the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Environmental Law & Policy Center, petitioned the Illinois Commerce Commission to force Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas to offer this program as part of an effort to improve energy-efficiency and save Chicago-area consumers money.

Eligible Equipment

Please note that the products and rebate amounts included in the program are subject to change. All eligible products must be residential-sized. Make sure to view the heating rebate and home efficiency rebate applications at www.chicagolandrebates.com for updated and complete requirements.

Currently, rebates are offered through the program for the following products:

Product	Efficiency Level	Incentive Amount
High Efficiency Attic Insulation (cellulose/blown in or batting)	R-38	75% of total cost; up to \$750 per home
High Efficiency Storage Water Heater	ENERGY STAR rated, with Energy Factor \geq 0.62	\$50 per home
High Efficiency Gas Furnace	92-94.9% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating	\$200 per home
High Efficiency Gas Furnace	95+% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating	\$250 per home
High Efficiency Gas Boiler	90-94.9% AFUE	\$350 per home
High Efficiency Gas Boiler	95+% AFUE	\$400 per home

Requirements

To qualify, gas furnaces, boilers, and water heaters must be installed by professional contractors. You may opt to self-install insulation or hire a professional contractor. The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) provides a list of contractors who specialize in energy efficiency at www.mwalliance.org/peec. Your completed application allows the Program reasonable access to your home to perform an on-site inspection, if needed.

To Apply

The offer is valid within the current program dates, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. If you do not receive your rebate as an instant discount through a participating contractor, you can apply online or by mail by printing out an application form. Applications must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the purchase. Rebate checks will take six to eight weeks to arrive.

If you are a landlord of a property located in Peoples or North Shore Gas territory, but the gas account number is in your tenant's name, you must supply the installation address, gas account holder's name, gas account holder's account number, and current tax bill or mortgage statement providing proof of ownership with your application. You will be limited to one quantity per measure per gas account.

Rebates and Tax Credits

You may also be eligible for federal tax credits at 30 percent of the cost, up to \$1,500, for purchasing and installing energy efficient products in existing homes in 2009 and 2010. For more details, visit www.energystar.gov/taxcredits, or pick up CUB's fact sheet on the credits. Rebates for residential energy efficiency products are not considered taxable by the IRS.

Loans for Multi-family Buildings in Cook County

Owners of multi-family rental buildings in Cook County with at least five units are eligible to receive assistance to make energy-efficient upgrades through the Cook County Energy Savers program. For more information, visit <http://www.cntenergy.org/energy-savers.php>, contact CNT Energy at 733-269-4037 or info@cntenergy.org, or read CUB's fact sheet about the programs.

Additional Information

Visit www.chicagolandrebates.com or call 866-964-7345 for more information.

If you have any additional questions about these programs, please call CUB, 1-800-669-5556, and ask for Rebecca Devens, environmental programs coordinator, or Celia Christensen, environmental outreach coordinator.

CUB works hard to maintain the accuracy and timeliness of this information, but programs often change and/or run out of money. CUB is not responsible for the administration of any of the programs described in this fact sheet. If you are having trouble applying for or receiving benefits from any of the programs described above, please contact the administrator of that program. Please notify CUB if you find any inaccuracies here.