



# Smart Thermostats

FACT SHEET

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ComEd customers can enjoy a rebate of \$75 on a smart thermostat, or for Ameren customers, a rebate of \$100.

## What are smart thermostats?

Smart thermostats are devices connected to Wi-Fi that allow you to remotely modify your temperature settings from your smartphone, tablet or home computer. They're designed to give consumers a more convenient way to control their energy usage and utility costs, and maintain comfort. The devices can help households save roughly **20 percent** on their heating and cooling costs.

## How do smart thermostats work?

Smart thermostats use sensors that continuously monitor temperature, humidity, and other variables throughout your house. Some also come with technology that "learns" a user's behavior over time to optimize comfort and generate savings automatically. For example, a thermostat can learn when you are typically in and out of the house, allowing it to build a heating/cooling schedule that matches your needs. Also, it can accurately gauge when your air conditioner should be turned off to save energy without changing the temperature noticeably.

## How much would a smart thermostat cost?

The retail costs of smart thermostats range from about \$100-\$250. However, certain qualifying customers are now eligible to receive up to \$100 in rebates.

## Do I qualify for a rebate?

Each utility has its own application process, so you should see the links below for details, but these are the general requirements. You must:

- Be a ComEd or Ameren customer;
- Have Wi-Fi;
- Have central air and a furnace OR electric resistance heat OR a heat pump;
- Purchase, install and register a new Energy Star certified smart thermostat before December 31.
- Find eligible smart thermostat models at **ComEdMarketplace.com** or **AmerenIllinoisSavings.com**.

## How do I get my new thermostat installed?

There are a few ways:

1. **Install it yourself:** You can buy, install and register a qualifying smart thermostat on your own. (You can find the devices at big-box hardware stores or online.)
2. **Have a contractor install it:** You can hire a professional contractor to install a qualifying smart thermostat.

**Note:** ComEd customers can receive certain models of smart thermostats at the discounted price of \$75 or \$150, and get them installed for free, by participating in a home energy assessment. For more information about this opportunity, visit **ComEd.com/HomeSavings**.

## Where can I find more information?

For more information —including how to apply for the rebates—visit these websites:

ComEd: **ComEd.com/HomeSavings**

(You can buy a smart thermostat through **ComEdMarketPlace.com**.)

Ameren: **AmerenIllinoisSavings.com**.