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Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program: Rebates for Peoples and North Shore Gas Customers

If you are a customer of Peoples Gas or North Shore Gas, you are now eligible to receive rebates for purchasing select energy efficient products between May 1, 2009 and by Oct. 31, 2009. 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).

Eligible equipment includes certain types of energy-efficient furnaces, boilers, water heaters, insulation and clothes washers. Rebate amounts range from \$100 to \$750. 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 http://www.conservarebates.com/programs/chi/CHI_Index.aspx for updated and complete requirements.

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

Product	Efficiency Level	Incentive Amount
Ceiling Insulation (cellulose/blown in or batting)	R-38	75% of total cost; up to \$750 per home
Wall Insulation (rigid/wallboard or batting)	R-11	75% of total cost, up to \$750 per home
High Efficiency Clothes Washers	ENERGY STAR rated, with Modified Energy Factor ≥ 1.72 and Water Factor ≤ 8.0	\$100 per home
Storage Water Heater	ENERGY STAR rated, with Energy Factor ≥ 0.62	\$75 per home
Tankless Water Heater	ENERGY STAR rated, with Energy Factor ≥ 0.82	\$400 per home
Gas Condensing Water Heater	ENERGY STAR rated, with Energy Factor ≥ 0.80	\$400 per home
High Efficiency Gas Furnace	92 - 93 % Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating	\$350 per home
High Efficiency Gas Furnace	94% + Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating	\$450 per home
High Efficiency Gas Boiler	85% AFUE	\$350 per home
High Efficiency Gas Boiler	95% AFUE	\$600 per home

Requirements

To qualify, gas furnaces, boilers, and water heaters must be installed by professional contractors. You may opt to self-install insulation and clothes washers or hire a professional contractor. The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) provides a list of contractors who specialize in energy efficiency at www.mw-alliance.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 from May 1, 2009 - Oct. 31, 2009, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. 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, or by Nov. 30, 2009, whichever comes first. Rebate checks will take six to eight weeks to arrive.

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.

Please note, 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 http://www.conservationrebates.com/programs/chi/CHI_Index.aspx 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.