



ComEd Energy Efficiency Programs

FACT SHEET

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Home Energy Assessment

ComEd residential customers who also have Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas or Peoples Gas as their gas utility can sign up for a **free** Home Energy Assessment. During the assessment, an Energy Advisor will do a walk-through of your home, finding ways to make it more energy efficient. The advisor also will install the following free energy-saving products:

- ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs
- Programmable thermostat
- WaterSense® certified showerheads
- WaterSense® certified faucet aerators
- Hot water pipe insulation
- Advanced power strips for televisions and desktop computers (to be installed by the customer)
- Smart thermostats are available for purchase at a discount (must be purchased during the assessment for free installation)

Energy Report: At the end of the assessment, the Energy Advisor should provide you with a Home Energy Report, which lists the products installed and the estimated yearly savings in electricity, gas, water and money.

Weatherization Discounts: If you are interested in further energy savings, at the end of your assessment, you can request a list of licensed and insured contractors who provide discounted weatherization services through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program.

Weatherization services are FREE for Income Eligible customers. (See the "Income Eligible" section on the next page.)

Who can sign up? Single-family homes, two-flats, condos and townhomes are eligible. Renters in these building types are also eligible, with permission from their landlord. Call 1-855-433-2700 today to schedule an appointment.

If Peoples Gas or North Shore Gas provides your delivery, the building must be two units or less. If Nicor Gas provides your delivery, the building must be four units or less. Larger buildings are eligible for the multi-family program.

How do I sign up for a FREE Energy Assessment?

To schedule an appointment:
Call **1-855-433-2700**.

Note: The property owner or manager must schedule the appointment.

Why is it free? ComEd and your natural gas utility are required to provide energy efficiency programs for their customers in compliance with state law, and are allowed to charge ratepayers.

On your ComEd bill, you can see these charges under the "Taxes & Fees" portion, labeled "Energy Efficiency Programs." You can see a similar charge on your natural gas utility bill. Customers pay into the program whether or not they take advantage of the incentives.

Multi-Family Energy Efficiency

Multi-family buildings are eligible for many of the same energy-saving incentives as the Home Energy Assessment. The property owner or manager can call **1-855-433-2700** to schedule an appointment for a FREE energy assessment.

Once the assessment is completed, trained technicians will install FREE energy-saving products in all of the tenant units and common areas. These products may include:

- ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs
- Programmable thermostats
- WaterSense® certified showerheads
- WaterSense® certified faucet aerators
- Hot water pipe insulation
- Advanced power strips (to be installed by the tenants)

Additional energy efficiency recommendations and incentives within common area spaces are available. These services are FREE for Income Eligible buildings (see the "Income Eligible" section on the next page).

Income Eligible Program

Homeowners may qualify to receive FREE weatherization improvements and free installation of energy-saving products. Qualifying ComEd customers must meet household income at or below 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI). AMI varies, depending on where you live within the ComEd service territory.

ComEd has partnered with community action agencies to help customers take advantage of these energy-saving services. Contact your local community agency to determine if you qualify.

You can visit ComEd.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CommunityActionAgencies.aspx to find the phone number of the community action agency for your county, or you can call the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) at **1-877-411-9276** for this and more information.

Chicago Bungalow Association: If you own and occupy a vintage, single-family home built at least 50 years ago, and your home is located in the City of Chicago, the Chicago Bungalow Association can quickly get you on your way to home energy upgrades. Call **1-312-675-0300 Ext. 14** for details.

Multi-Family Income Eligible Program

Building owners and managers whose buildings are designated as income eligible may qualify for comprehensive energy efficiency retrofits in common areas and tenant spaces. Improvements may include FREE weatherization, energy-saving products, boiler tune-ups, and more.

Property owners and managers can contact Elevate Energy at **1-855-993-0940** to get details on eligibility and next steps.

Energy Efficiency Loans

Energy Efficiency Loans provide financing for eligible homeowners, owners of residential buildings of 50 units or less and owners of small business buildings. Your loan payment is conveniently added to your monthly ComEd bill.

ComEd is in the process of selecting a new provider for the program. Details are pending on requirements, interest rates, and participating contractors. Interested customers can call **1-855-433-2700** to sign up to be contacted when the program becomes available.

Discounts on Energy Efficient Lighting

You can receive instant in-store discounts on select ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs and LED fixtures. Look for the ComEd “Lower Price” sticker to save on a

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variety of energy-efficient light bulbs at participating retail stores. No coupon is required—prices shown reflect the instant discount.

For specific retailer locations, visit ComEd.com/LightingRetailers. Limit of 24 bulbs and 6 fixtures per customer. (**Note:** There are no bulb limits - and the bulbs are free - if you sign up for a free assessment through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program).

Peak Time Savings

You can earn a credit on your electric bill when you participate voluntarily on days with Peak Time Savings Hours. There is no cost to enroll and you can remain in the program for as long as you like.

Peak Time Savings Hours will typically occur three to five days each summer—for a few hours between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The amount of credits you earn on your electric bill will be based on your current electricity usage. For every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity you save, you will earn a credit of \$1.

For more information or to sign up, visit ComEd.com/pts or call **1-844-852-0347**.

You can enroll in either Peak Time Savings or Central AC Cycling, but not both.

The Facts On LEDs

- Use about 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs.
- Last up to 35-50 times longer than incandescent lighting and 2-5x longer than fluorescent lighting.
- Save on cooling costs, as they produce little heat.
- Won't shatter like incandescent bulbs.

To learn how to match LEDs with the correct fixtures, visit www.EnergyStar.gov.

Central AC Cycling

ComEd will give you \$5 or \$10 off your monthly electric bill between June and September when you sign up for AC Cycling. A special device attached to your central air conditioner allows the utility to send signals to your home to “cycle” the flow of power to the cooling unit (i.e. to turn the cooling on and off) at peak times of energy usage.

Only the compressor gets cycled off. The fan will continue to circulate already cooled air, so you may not even notice a difference in your home. But such programs can make a big difference by reducing electricity demand on hot summer days to help prevent power outages, lower rates, and improve the environment.

You can choose between two cycling options:

1) 50 percent:

Time: Weekdays (not holidays), 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Unit cycles off: 15 minutes every half hour

You receive: \$5 credit per month per household, June 1 through September 30. The total credit will be \$20.

2) 100 percent:

Time: Weekdays (not holidays), 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Unit cycles off: Up to 3 hours for a full air conditioning interruption (turns air conditioner off) or can be cycled up to 6 hours like the 50 percent cycling option at ComEd’s discretion.

You receive: \$10 credit per month per household, June 1 through September 30. The total credit will be \$40.

Note: If someone in your household is home during most of the day or has a medical condition, the 100 percent option is not recommended.

To participate in the program, enroll online at ComEd.com/accycling or call 1-800-986-0070.

Rush Hour Rewards

If you own a Nest Thermostat, you can participate in “Rush Hour Rewards,” a variation on Central AC Cycling. Visit nest.com/energy-partners/comed/ for more information and to sign up.

Hourly Pricing

Hourly Pricing offers ComEd customers a new way to pay for electricity, charging them a supply rate that can change on an hourly basis, instead of the standard

Peak Time Savings, Central AC Cycling, Rush Hour Rewards, and Hourly Pricing are designed to curb our consumption of electricity on hot days, when usage and prices are highest.

price that stays the same 24/7.

Savings: For most of the year the hourly rate is *lower* than ComEd’s default flat rate. While savings aren’t guaranteed, Hourly Pricing has saved participants an average of about 15 percent on the supply portion of their electric bills.

If you consistently use above 350 kWh in a month or have a monthly electric bill that is more than \$50, this program could be right for you.

Eligibility: Hourly Pricing is available to residential customers who purchase their electric supply from ComEd. (If you are with an alternative electricity supplier, you have to switch back to ComEd before you can sign up for Hourly Pricing.)

You can leave Hourly Pricing at any time, but once you do leave, you cannot rejoin the program for a period of 12 months following the termination.

For more information or to sign up, visit **HourlyPricing.ComEd.com**, or call 1-888-202-7787.

Load Guard

Load Guard is a free, optional program that runs from May 1 to Sept. 30 for Hourly Pricing customers who also participate in the AC Cycling Program (and not enrolled in the Nest Rush Hour Rewards program).

Participants can have their air conditioners cycled on and off during periods of high prices. You can choose to enter into this “conservation mode” when power prices hit either 10 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) or 14 cents per kWh.

Once you enroll in Load Guard, you can change your price levels, and you can even choose not to activate the program for the next day.

When your AC is cycled on and off, the fan stays on so Load Guard isn’t expected to change a home’s temperature dramatically—maybe as little as 1-3 degrees.

For more information or to sign up, visit **HourlyPricing.ComEd.com** or call 1-888-202-7787.

Fridge & Freezer Recycling

Refrigerators over 15 years old can use twice as

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much energy as newer models and could be costing you as much as \$150 a year in electricity.

Don't just throw away your old refrigerator or freezer. ComEd will pick it up, recycle it in an environmentally responsible way, and send you \$50.

Recycle a working dehumidifier or room air conditioner at the same time and get an additional \$10 each. (Dehumidifier and room air conditioner will only be picked up when accompanied by an eligible refrigerator or freezer.)

To schedule a pick-up, visit ComEd.com/FridgeRecycling or call 1-855-433-2700.

To qualify for recycling, your refrigerators and/or freezer must be:

- Between 10 and 30 cubic feet (interior) in size.
- Empty, defrosted, and working at the time of pick-up
- Accessible with a clear path for removal
- Removable without risk of injury or modification of your home.
- Owned by you and located at the address with the qualifying ComEd account.

Smart Thermostats

ComEd customers qualify for a \$100 rebate towards the purchase of a smart thermostat.

A smart thermostat lets you monitor and control your home's temperature from any web-enabled device so you can save energy and money whether you're at home or on the go.

All ENERGY STAR® certified models qualify. Visit EnergyStar.gov for a complete list. The full terms and conditions are available at ComEd.com/Thermostat.

Rebates

ComEd offers rebates for qualifying, energy-efficient appliances and home products, high-efficiency central air conditioners and heat pumps, weatherization improvements and more.

Review eligibility requirements and complete rebate applications (online and printable) at ComEd.com/Rebates or call 1-855-433-2700.

| Weatherization Rebates | | |
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| Improvement | Quantity | Max Rebate |
| Attic Insulation | \$0.30/sq ft | \$300 |
| Air Sealing | \$0.40/CFM50 | \$400 |
| Duct Sealing | \$2.00/CFM25 | \$500 |
| Wall Insulation | \$0.50/sq ft | \$400 |
| Foundation Insulation | \$0.50/sq ft | \$400 |

| Appliance Rebates | | |
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| ENERGY STAR® Appliance | Size | Rebate |
| Refrigerator | ≥ 7.75 cubic ft | \$50 |
| Freezer | ≥7.75 cubic ft | \$50 |
| Clothes Washer | No size limit | \$50 |
| Electric Clothes Dryer | ≥4.4 cubic ft | \$50 |
| Air Purifier | No size limit | \$50 |
| Room Air Conditioner | No size limit | \$25 |
| Dehumidifier | Stand alone unit only | \$50 |

| Heating and Cooling Rebates | | |
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| All installations must be performed by a ComEd Energy Efficiency Service Provider. Find one by visiting ComEdRebates.com/FindaEEServiceProvider . | | |
| Equipment | Type | Rebate |
| Central Air Conditioner | ≥ 18 SEER | \$600 |
| Central Air Conditioner | ≥ 16 SEER | \$400 |
| Central Air Conditioner | ≥ 15 SEER | \$300 |
| Air Source Heat Pump | ≥ 18 SEER | \$600 |
| Air Source Heat Pump | ≥ 16 SEER | \$500 |
| Air Source Heat Pump | ≥ 14.5 SEER | \$400 |
| Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump | ≥ 17 SEER and ≥ 9.5 HSPF | \$400 |
| Furnace Blower Motor (ECM) | Factory-installed | \$50 |
| Furnace Blower Motor (ECM) | Upgraded fan | \$100 |
| Geothermal (ground source) Heat Pump | ComEd provider must be GAOI-certified | \$1000/ton (max \$6000) |
| Geothermal (ground source) Heat Pump Indoor Unit Replacement | ≥ 20 EER | \$1,200 |
| | ≥ 17 EER | \$1,000 |
| | ≥ 15 EER | \$850 |

If you have additional questions about these programs, please call CUB at 1-800-669-5556. 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.