

Federal, State and Utility Energy Incentives

SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS: AUDITS and WEATHERIZATION

Xcel Energy Program: Home Performance Rebate Program

1. Comprehensive Home Energy Audits for only \$35 (a \$150 value)
2. Information about contractors certified for the program, who will do improvements and submit the rebate paperwork for you.
3. A large number of significant rebates on products ranging from insulation to appliances

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be an Xcel Energy Customer. To be eligible for rebates the customer must agree to make five home improvements (three required and two optional) after the audit.

TO APPLY: Call Xcel Energy at (800) 895-4999

CenterPoint Energy Program: Energy Audits

CenterPoint Customers can choose between two energy audit options:

1. Standard Energy Audit: \$25. This audit is for homes that seem to be fairly efficient, but for homeowners who want to see if there is anything else they can do.
2. Comprehensive Energy Audit: \$100. This is a much more in depth audit, suited especially for leaking, inefficient or old houses.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a CenterPoint Energy Customer.

TO APPLY: Call 612-321-5011 or visit CenterPoint Energy's website <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/home> to sign up or with questions.

CenterPoint Energy Program: Free In-Home Consultation

CenterPoint Energy offers a free in home consultation about different kinds energy efficient heating and cooling products.

QUALIFICATIONS: Available to anyone, not just CenterPoint Energy Customers.

TO APPLY: Call 612-321-5551

State Program: Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program

Minnesota's Office of Energy Security and Community Action of Minnesota offer financial assistance to help low-income homeowners weatherize their homes.

QUALIFICATIONS: To be eligible for Weatherization assistance you must have a household income of 50% below the median income line and either be a homeowner, or gain the home owner's permission.

TO APPLY: Go to the MN Department of Commerce's website www.commerce.state.mn.us/ and fill out the Weatherization Assistance Program Form.

ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAMS (Xcel customers can only participate in one of the following programs at a time.)

Xcel Energy Program: Savers Switch Program

Xcel energy will install a switch free of charge that will automatically cycle heating and cooling systems on and off for short periods of times during peak energy demand periods. Customers who agree to participate in this program will receive a discounted electricity bill.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be an Xcel Energy Customer.

TO APPLY: Call Xcel Energy's 24-hour customer service line at (800) 895-4999

Xcel Energy Program: Time of Day Program

Xcel energy customers who participate in this program will receive a high rate for electricity used during peak hours and a low rate for electricity used during off-peak hours. The high rate is higher than the rate that most customers pay, but the low rate is half as much.

QUALIFICATIONS: Most applicable for Xcel customers who have electric space heating or water heating, who use at least 900 kwh a day, and who have the ability to use minimal amounts of energy in peak load times.

TO APPLY: Call Xcel Energy's 24-hour customer service line at (800) 895-4999.

Federal Program: Consumer Tax Incentives for Windows, Insulation, and Heating and Cooling Systems

Consumers can get a tax credit from the Stimulus Plan of up to 30% of the cost (or up to \$1,500) of the materials for efficient windows, insulation, or heating and cooling systems.

QUALIFICATIONS: Improvements must be made between February 17, 2009 and December 31, 2010. View which products are eligible for tax credits at this link: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#c1

TO APPLY: When you purchase the product, get a copy of certification saying that the product is eligible for a tax credit from the manufacturer due to its efficiency, and fill out the tax form 5695

State Program: Home Energy Loan Program

The state of Minnesota offers a low rate loan to homeowners and owners of rental properties looking to increase the energy efficiency of their homes. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000, and the maximum time to pay it back is 5 years.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a homeowner living in Minnesota.

TO APPLY: Complete the application found at the below website, and send it to the Center for Energy and the Environment. http://www.mncee.org/programs_residential/home_improvement_financing/home_energy_loan_program/index.php

Xcel Energy Program: Heating and Cooling Rebates

Xcel energy offers rebates ranging from \$40-\$380 on pre-approved energy efficient heating and cooling machines. Furthermore, if you participate in Xcel Energy's "Home Performance Rebate Program" you can get additional rebates.

QUALIFICATIONS: Heating and cooling system upgrades must be preformed by a registered contractor. For details on system improvement rebates visit: http://www.xcelenergy.com/Residential/Programs_Resources/Pages/Home_Performance_Rebate.aspx

TO APPLY: Call Xcel Energy's 24-hour customer service line at (800) 895-4999

CenterPoint Energy Program: Residential Heating System Rebates

Furnace Rebates:
 \$100 rebate for installing a natural gas forced air furnace with 92% or higher AFUE and \$150 rebate for installing a forced air natural gas furnace with 94% or higher AFUE. 200 rebate for installing a boiler with at least 83.5% AFUE.

Water Heater Rebates:
 \$50 rebate for installing a high efficiency natural gas tank water heater with .62 EF or higher, and \$75 rebate for installing a high efficiency natural gas tank water heater with .64 EF or greater.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a CenterPoint Energy Customer

TO APPLY: Contact CenterPoint Energy at 612-399-1545. The form is at this link: http://www.centerpointenergy.com/staticfiles/CNP/Common/SiteAssets/doc/residential_heating_system_rebate_form%5B1%5D.pdf