

NYSERDA Home Energy Efficiency Programs

New York State offers a range of energy efficiency programs for residential buildings. To find the program that is best for you, see the descriptions below.

Comfort Homes		EmPower+ (Moderate-Income)		EmPower+ (Low-Income)	
Eligibility	- Own or rent a single-family home, multifamily home with up to 4 units - Own a condo with its own independent heating source	- Own or rent: - Single-family home - Multifamily home up to 4 units - Condo with its own heating source - Household income is within Income Guidelines (<i>see row below</i>) - Households receiving HEAP, SNAP, TANF, or SSI benefits are automatically eligible for EmPower+ (Low-Income) benefits - Responsible for paying utility bills - If not the owner, you can apply in conjunction with the landlord *EmPower+ can also serve buildings occupied by low-income tenants with 100 units or fewer*			
Income Guidelines	Any income	NYSERDA EmPower+ (Moderate-Income) Eligibility Guidelines (2023)		NYSERDA EmPower+ (Low-Income) Eligibility Guidelines (2023)	
		Household Occupancy	Annual Household Income Limit	Household Occupancy	Annual Household Income Limit
		1 Person	\$63,000	1 Person	\$34,224
		2 Person	\$72,000	2 Person	\$44,760
		3 Person	\$81,000	3 Person	\$55,296
		4 Person	\$90,000	4 Person	\$65,820
		5 Person	\$101,808	5 Person	\$76,356
		6 Person	\$115,856	6 Person	\$86,892
Income Eligible Incentives	*There are 3 load-reduction packages. The home must meet the conditions of the lower-level package to be eligible for the higher-level package. Good: \$1,000 incentive Better: \$2,500 incentive Best: \$4,000 incentive **Additional incentives may be available for heat pump installation if done within 12 months of completing the work to install your Comfort Home Load-Reduction Package.	50% of costs covered - Up to \$5,000 in incentives for a single-family home - For 2-4 family rental units, up to \$5,000 for the initial unit and \$2,500 for each additional income eligible unit		- Single-family: 100% free - For 2-4 family rental units, up to \$10,000 for initial unit and \$5,000 for each additional income eligible unit	

Home Improvement Solutions	• Good: Seal and insulate attic and rim joist • Better: Seal and insulate attic and rim joist & insulate walls and floors • Best: Seal and insulate attic and rim joist, insulate walls and floors, & retrofit windows to ENERGY STAR	• Air sealing • Insulation • Heating system upgrades ○ Heat pumps	• High efficiency lighting • Attic/wall insulation • Air sealing • Replacement of old refrigerators • Heating system upgrades ○ Heat pumps
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Energy Efficiency Incentives

Provider	Description		Eligibility Requirements
NYSERDA	• Comfort Homes Program • EmPower+		• Must work with a participating contractor • See above chart for more details.
ENERGY STAR Tax Credit	• Insulation • ENERGY STAR windows, doors, and roofs	Retroactive rebates – for projects completed in 2022, on or before 12/31/22: • 10% of material cost (excluding installation labor) • Up to \$500 • Maximum for windows is \$200 • Lifetime maximum credit of \$500 For projects beginning in 2023, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will expand tax credits to cover: • 30% of material costs, with the following limits: ○ \$500 for exterior doors (\$250 per door) ○ \$600 for windows, skylights ○ \$150 for home energy audits ○ Total amount claimed for energy efficiency projects (insulation materials, windows, doors, audits) is capped at \$1,200 annually	• To benefit, you must owe at least as much in federal taxes as you would claim for the credit. If your tax burden isn’t high enough, the credit can be applied over multiple years. • Only available for upgrades to existing homes that are a principal residence. New construction and rentals do not apply. • Auditors must be Energy Star certified. • See the Department of Energy’s webpage on Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers for more information about how to claim these credits.
Con Edison	• Insulation • Air sealing • Duct sealing	Projects installed before September 30th, 2023: \$5,000 • Must live in or own a single-family home • Heating system: ○ Con Edison gas for heating OR ○ Delivered fuel (oil, propane, wood) <i>and</i> have central air conditioning	• Blower door test pre- and post-installation • Must work with a participating contractor • If unable to meet heating system requirements, NYSERDA will provide \$1,000 in incentives

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)	Home energy savings performance (HOMES)	HOMES Rebate Program: offers state-distributed rebates based on the energy savings performance of whole-house energy saving retrofits. Your contractor should provide you with information about your achieved energy savings after the project’s completion.	<i>Please note that details about how to deliver IRA rebates to homeowners are still being determined. At the time of writing, homeowners can expect rebates to become available in early-2024, but any projects completed from 2023 onwards will qualify (depending on rebate availability).</i> - Both programs are available for all projects begun on or after 1/1/2023 and completed by 9/30/2031. HEEHRA: - Available for new construction or system replacement - Available for single-family or multifamily buildings - Must be Energy-Star Certified - If you are using HEEHRA for other home electrification upgrades (i.e., heat pump, electric panel, electric appliances), there is a total cap of \$14,000 for all qualifying projects. - HOMES and HEEHRA rebates cannot be applied to the same project.																					
	Insulation, air sealing, ventilation (HEEHRA)	HOMES Rebate Caps <table><tr><th colspan="3">Modeled Energy Savings</th><th colspan="3">Measured Energy Savings</th></tr><tr><th>Energy Savings</th><th>Single-Family Households</th><th>LMI Households*</th><th>Energy Savings</th><th>All households</th><th>LMI Households*</th></tr><tr><td>20 – 34%</td><td>\$2,000 OR 50% of project costs (whichever is less)</td><td>\$4,000 or 80% of project cost (whichever is less)</td><td rowspan="2">15% or greater</td><td>\$2,000 per kWh saved equal to a 20% reduction for average home in the state OR 50% of project cost (whichever is less)</td><td>\$4,000 per kWh saved equal to a 20% reduction for average home in the state OR 80% of project cost (whichever is less)</td></tr><tr><td>35% or greater</td><td>\$4,000 or 50% of project cost (whichever is less)</td><td>\$8,000 or 80% of project cost (whichever is less)</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <i>*Low-to-moderate income (LMI) households under HOMES are those whose income is < 80% of the area median income. Find your area’s median income here and see if you qualify here.</i> High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (HEEHRA): offers income-specific, point-of-sale rebates for home weatherization projects. <u>Low-income households (under 80% of the area median income):</u> 100% of costs covered up to \$1,600 for insulation materials <u>Moderate-income households (80 – 150% of area median income):</u> 50% of costs covered up to \$1,600 for insulation materials		Modeled Energy Savings			Measured Energy Savings			Energy Savings	Single-Family Households	LMI Households*	Energy Savings	All households	LMI Households*	20 – 34%	\$2,000 OR 50% of project costs (whichever is less)	\$4,000 or 80% of project cost (whichever is less)	15% or greater	\$2,000 per kWh saved equal to a 20% reduction for average home in the state OR 50% of project cost (whichever is less)	\$4,000 per kWh saved equal to a 20% reduction for average home in the state OR 80% of project cost (whichever is less)	35% or greater	\$4,000 or 50% of project cost (whichever is less)	\$8,000 or 80% of project cost (whichever is less)
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