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A Cooperative Effort for Energy Efficiency

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Save money, save energy with federal tax credits

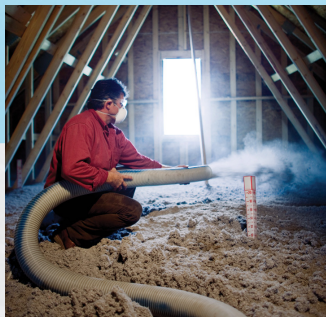
Saving with the stimulus

There are two kinds of tax credits available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (known as the stimulus package). Energy-efficient tax credits are available for home improvements until 2010, and renewable energy tax credits are available until 2016. You will not only save with federal tax credits, you will also save year after year with a reduction in energy use!

Energy efficiency tax credits for 2010 for existing homes only

Amount of tax credit for products listed below: **30 percent of product cost, up to \$1,500 total¹**

Product	Specifications needed to qualify
Exterior windows, doors and skylights	Must have a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) and U-factor less than or equal to 0.30
Storm windows and storm doors	Combined with the window/door over which it's installed, it must meet the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) in your climate zone. ²
Metal, asphalt roofs	All Energy Star [®] metal and reflective asphalt shingles qualify. Must be expected to last five years or have a two-year warranty. Roof coatings are not eligible.
Insulation	Primary purpose must be to insulate. For example, insulated siding does not qualify. Must meet 2009 IECC and be expected to last five years or have a two-year warranty.
Central air conditioning and installation costs	Package system: SEER ³ \geq 14, EER ⁴ \geq 12; Split system: SEER \geq 16, EER \geq 13
Air-source heat pumps and installation costs	Package system: HSPF ⁵ \geq 8, SEER \geq 14, EER \geq 12; Split system: HSPF \geq 8.5, SEER \geq 15, EER \geq 12.5
Water heaters and installation costs	Gas, oil or propane require an energy factor of 0.82 or higher or a thermal efficiency of at least 90 percent; electric heat pump heater requires an energy factor of 2.0 or higher



Other qualifying upgrades:

Natural gas, propane or oil furnace; gas, propane or oil hot water boiler; advanced main air circulating fan; biomass stoves. Go to www.energystar.gov/taxcredits to view a complete list of energy efficiency tax credits and requirements.

The easiest way to determine if a product qualifies for an energy efficiency tax credit is to ask the retailer for the **manufacturer's certification statement**, which is a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit.

Please note the above is for information only and is not intended as legal advice. Contact a tax professional with specific questions or to ensure your project will qualify for tax credits.

¹The product must be placed in service between Jan. 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2010 at the taxpayer's principal residence, it must have a Manufacturer Certification Statement to qualify, and the taxpayer must keep all product receipts and Manufacturer Certification Statements; ²IECC can be found at www.reca-codes.org;

³Seasonal energy efficiency ratio; ⁴Energy efficiency ratio; ⁵Heat seasonal performance factor

Renewable energy tax credits for 2010-2016 for new and existing homes

Amount of tax credit for products and installation listed below: **30 percent of cost, with no cap!**

Product	Specifications needed to qualify
Geothermal heat pump	All Energy Star® geothermal heat pumps qualify for the tax credit. Closed loop: EER \geq 14.1; COP (Coefficient Of Performance) \geq 3.3 Open loop: EER \geq 16.2; COP \geq 3.6 Direct expansion: EER \geq 15, COP \geq 3.5
Solar water heating	All Energy Star® solar water heaters qualify for the tax credit. At least half of the energy generated by the "qualifying property" must come from the sun. The credit is not for swimming pool or hot tub expenses, the water must be used in the dwelling, and the system must be certified by the Solar Rating and Certification Corp. (SRCC).
Photovoltaic systems	System must provide electricity for the residence and meet all applicable fire and electrical code requirements.
Residential small wind turbines	Must have nameplate capacity of no more than 100 kilowatts.

Tax credits for products listed above cover 30 percent of the product and installation costs, with no cap. All products listed above must be placed in service by Dec. 31, 2016. Contact a tax professional for specific questions.



Tax credits for 2010-2016

Amount of tax credit: **30 percent of cost, up to \$500 per 0.5 kilowatts of power capacity**

Product	Specifications needed to qualify
Residential fuel cells and microturbine system	Must have an efficiency of at least 30 percent and must have a capacity of 0.5 kilowatts. Must be placed in service by Dec. 31, 2016. Tax credit covers the cost of product and installation.

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Take Control & Save to save even more!

Your local electric cooperative may offer rebates on Energy Star® rated and other energy-efficient appliances including heat pumps, water heaters and more. If so you may be able to combine the rebates with federal tax credits for greater savings! You may also qualify to receive a free or reduced-cost home energy audit. Call your local cooperative today to find out more!

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