

Rebates on Energy-Efficient Products

Energy Efficiency Incentive Program

For residents, businesses, community and Indigenous governments, and non-profit organizations

Arctic Energy Alliance (AEA) provides rebates to help northerners purchase new, more energy-efficient products that can be used every day. The aim is to help people reduce their energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Who can apply?

- Individuals with a permanent or seasonal residence in the Northwest Territories (NWT)
- Businesses operating in the NWT
- Not-for-profit organizations operating in the NWT
- NWT community and Indigenous governments

What rebates are available?

Rebate amounts vary. The rebate you receive is based on the following:

- The type of product you purchase
- Whether the community you live in uses hydroelectricity or not¹
- Whether you purchase your product within the NWT or from outside the territory

For a full rebate, qualifying products must be purchased in the NWT. Qualifying products purchased outside the NWT, but within Canada, are eligible for 50% of the rebate amounts listed on page 2.

¹ In NWT communities that do not use hydroelectricity, some energy-efficient products can reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with producing electricity. Some rebate levels are higher for these communities to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient products and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The communities that use hydroelectricity are Behchokq, Dettah, Enterprise, Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Hay River, Kát'odeeche, Ndilo and Yellowknife.

What's changed from last year?

We've made the following changes for this year:

- Rebates are no longer available for refrigerators, freezers or new homes.
- The rebate amounts for the following items have been reduced:
 - Washers
 - Programable thermostats
 - ECM pumps
- The maximum rebate amount for wood stoves and wood pellet stoves has been reduced.
- Insulation rebates have been increased.

Rebate summary

Category	Eligible Products	Rebate Amount (products purchased in NWT)	
		Non-Hydro Communities	Hydro Communities
ENERGY STAR® certified domestic appliances	Clothes washer	\$200	\$100
	Ventless clothes dryer	\$500	
	All-in-one washer/ventless dryer	\$750	
Heating appliances	Wood stove ²	50% of purchase cost, up to \$1,500	
	Wood pellet stove ²	50% of purchase cost, up to \$1,500	
Home upgrades	Drain water heat recovery (minimum 30% efficiency)	\$700	
	Programmable thermostat	50% of purchase cost, up to \$75	
	ECM heating, circulating or domestic water pump	50% of purchase cost, up to \$250	
	Automated vehicle plug-in controller	50% of purchase cost, up to \$150	
	Home insulation	Varies, up to \$13,000 per fiscal year (Apr. 1 to Mar. 31)	
LED lighting	LED bulbs and tubes	50% of purchase cost, up to \$200 per fiscal year (Apr. 1 to Mar. 31)	Not available

² **WARNING!** Depressurization risks increase with the installation of wood or pellet stoves. If you are installing a wood or pellet stove, AEA recommends getting a depressurization test done—especially if your home is airtight—and installing carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

Rebate details

All rebate amounts listed below are for products purchased within the NWT. Qualifying products purchased outside the NWT, but within Canada, are eligible for 50% of these amounts.

ENERGY STAR certified domestic appliances

Clothes washer

- \$200 per washer in non-hydro communities.
- \$100 per washer in hydro communities.

Ventless clothes dryer

- \$500 per dryer.
- Must use a condenser or heat pump instead of venting air to the outside.

All-in-one washer/ventless dryer

- \$750 per washer/ventless dryer
- Must be a single unit. Stackable systems are considered separate washers and dryers and may receive rebates if they meet the criteria for each piece.

Heating appliances

Wood stove or wood pellet stove

- 50% of the purchase cost, up to a maximum of \$1,500
- Pellet stoves must be ULC certified.
- Wood stoves must meet either the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) B415.1-M92 (performance testing of solid-fuel burning appliances) or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wood burning appliances standards (40 CFR Part 60).
- Purchase cost does not include installation or accessories (chimney, flue pipe, etc.).

Home upgrades

Programmable thermostat

- 50% of the purchase cost, to a maximum of \$75.

Drain water heat recovery

- \$700 per drain water heat recovery system.
- Must be certified to be 30% efficient or higher.

ECM heating, circulating or domestic water pump

- 50% of the purchase cost, up to a maximum of \$250 per pump.

Automated vehicle plug-in controller

- 50% of the purchase cost, up to a maximum of \$150.
- Must be designed to control power to a block heater, battery blanket, or another vehicle pre-heating system other than a cabin heater.

- Must be programmable and must regulate the power to the system based on current outdoor temperature (not by time alone).
 - Required temperature settings:
 - No power to the system above -12°C for diesel vehicles or -17°C for gasoline vehicles (can be set lower).
 - Continuous, full power only below -35°C for all vehicles (can be set lower).
 - Intermittent or limited power between these temperatures.
 - If possible, the program should include a delay of two hours between when the vehicle is plugged in and when power is supplied to the system.

Home insulation

- Rebate values vary by project, up to a maximum of \$13,000 per AEA fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).
- To be eligible for a rebate, new insulation must be added to an existing part of a home. The following are examples of projects that are not eligible:
 - Replacing old or damaged insulation
 - Installing insulation in a new addition to a home
- Insulation rebates are based on the change in R-value that will be achieved by the insulation project. Please contact AEA for more information.
- AEA strongly recommends getting insulation rebates pre-approved before starting your project.

LED lighting

LED light bulbs and tubes

- 50% of the purchase cost.
 - Up to a maximum of \$200 per AEA fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).
 - Only available in non-hydro communities.
- Integrated LED fixtures are not eligible for a rebate.

What do I need to do to receive a rebate?

1. Purchase your product.
2. Get an application form from AEA (at www.aea.nt.ca, or in person at an AEA office).
3. **Within 3 months** of purchasing your product, complete your application form and submit it, along with the following documentation, to AEA.
 - a. A receipt for the product you purchased. Receipts must show the following information:
 - i. The date of purchase
 - ii. The price of the product
 - iii. The model number, if applicable
 - iv. The name of the vendor who sold the product
 - v. Proof that the product has been paid for in full
 - b. A copy of a manufacturer's document that can demonstrate your product is eligible for a rebate (for example, an EnerGuide card with an ENERGY STAR logo).

- c. Proof that you live in the NWT, if your address is not clearly shown on your receipt.
4. Receive a rebate cheque from AEA within 6 weeks.

If the receipt has the customer's name on it, the name on the application form must match the name on the receipt. In other words, you can't apply for a rebate on behalf of someone else.

If you are applying for a rebate on **home insulation**, we recommend contacting us before you apply. AEA can pre-approve your application before you begin work so that we can guarantee your rebate.

Submit your application as soon as possible. Each year, Arctic Energy Alliance receives a set amount of funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada for this program. This funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all funding has been allocated. It is possible for funding to be fully allocated before the end of the year.

How are applications evaluated?

All applications are processed in the order they are received by AEA. An application is considered received by AEA when it is completed correctly and contains all supporting documents.

The Executive Director of Arctic Energy Alliance will be responsible for the final approval of all rebate applications.

What else do I need to know?

- You must send your completed application to AEA **within 3 months** of purchasing your product.
- AEA operates its rebate programs based on its fiscal year, which runs from April 1 until March 31. Annual limits and conditions on rebates are based on this time period.
- There is a limit to the number of rebates you can receive for each type of product in a year.
 - Individual residents can receive up to two rebates on the same type of product, per household, per AEA fiscal year. For example, your household can apply for rebates on up to two washers per year.
 - Businesses, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous and community governments can receive up to five rebates on the same type of product per AEA fiscal year. For example, you can apply for rebates on up to five washers per year.
 - With approval of AEA's Executive Director, businesses, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous and community governments can receive more than five rebates per AEA fiscal year on the following appliances: clothes washers, ventless dryers, and all-in-one washers/ventless dryers. Exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis. Such rebates will be limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per AEA fiscal year. For businesses, the value of the rebates you receive for these appliances will count toward the maximum annual rebate amount you can receive under the Commercial Energy Conservation and Efficiency Program.
 - **Exceptions:**

- You can apply for rebates on LED lighting as many times as you would like in a year until you have reached the annual maximum rebate value (see page 4).
- The following limits apply to ECM pumps and automated vehicle plug-in controllers:
 - Individual residents: 5 pumps and 5 plug-in controllers in a year
 - Businesses, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous and community governments: 25 pumps and 25 plug-in controllers in a year
- Products must be installed at a residence or other building within the Northwest Territories.
- If you are applying for a rebate on an automated vehicle plug-in controller, you must declare on your application that your unit has been programmed for the required temperature settings (see page 3).

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