



energySMART, a Nicor Gas program

Rebates for businesses

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Rebates are available for the purchase of
Small businesses and multi-family projects

How to apply

1 Verify your eligibility

Current Nicor Gas business customers* on all rate classes are eligible to participate.

2 Select and install a qualifying product

Select and, unless otherwise noted, have a professional contractor install a qualifying product that meets all efficiency and installation requirements.

3 Apply for your rebate

Download application from or apply online at apply.nicorgasrebates.com. Submit completed rebate application within 90 days of installation.

*Current Nicor Gas business customers on all rate classes, except public entities (taxpayer-funded facilities) and self-directed customers, are eligible to participate in energySMART.

psig = Pounds per square inch gage
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MBTUH = 1,000 British Thermal Units per Hour
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AFUE = Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency
TE = Thermal Efficiency
gpm = Gallons per minute

Questions?

Call us Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
at 877.886.4239



Improvements & additions

	Qualifying equipment	Rebate
 Steam traps	Commercial steam trap	Repair or replace existing steam traps \$50 per trap
	Industrial/process medium pressure steam traps	Repair or replace existing, failed steam traps (leaking or blow-through). Must be completed on a process steam system with operating pressure ≥ 15 and < 75 psig. \$200 per trap
	Industrial/process high pressure steam trap	Repair or replace existing, failed steam traps (leaking or blow-through). Must be completed on a process steam system with operating pressure ≥ 75 psig. \$250 per trap
	Small business steam trap	Repair or replace existing, failed steam traps of any pressure. Survey required. < 15 psig traps and dry cleaners (any pressure): must be failed open or malfunctioning. ≥ 15 psig traps: must be failed open (leaking or blow through). SB \$300 per trap
	Boiler control	Automatic control as a retrofit \$0.50 per MBH, up to \$1,500 SB MF \$1.25 per MBH
	Boiler tune-up (per specific energySMART protocols)	Completed on space heating boiler \$0.40 per MBH, up to \$1,500 SB MF \$0.50 per MBH
		Completed on process boiler \$0.50 per MBH, up to \$1,500
	Pipe insulation	Indoor: 1" insulation added to bare indoor pipe system \$4 per linear foot SB MF \$10 per linear foot
		Outdoor: 2" insulation added to bare outdoor pipe system" \$8 per linear foot
	Ozone laundry	System must use ozone, and be installed in an on-site laundry facility with a natural gas-fired boiler or water heater \$25 per pound of washer capacity
	Programmable thermostat	Installed on < 300 MBTUH space heating equipment \$50
	Pool/spa cover	Installed on indoor commercial pool/spa \$1.25 per square foot
		Installed on outdoor commercial pool/spa \$0.75 per square foot

Small business and multi-family customers qualify for higher rebates on certain projects.

SB small business: businesses that use less than 60,000 therms of natural gas annually, independently owned and operated, and has fewer than 10 locations.

MF multi-family: multi-family apartments, condominiums, private school dormitories, assisted living and retirement communities that contain five or more living units with a kitchen and bathroom in unit.

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and installation of qualifying energy efficient equipment and improvements. Properties may receive increased rebates for certain equipment.



Space heating equipment

Qualifying Equipment	Rebate
Space heating non-condensing boiler	AFUE ≥ 85%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH SB \$600
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 300-499 MBTUH \$1,000
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 500-999 MBTUH \$1,250
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 1,000-1,700 MBTUH \$1,750
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 1,701-2,000 MBTUH \$2,500
Space heating condensing boiler	AFUE ≥ 90%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH SB \$1,200
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 300-499 MBTUH \$1,500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 500-999 MBTUH \$2,500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 1,000-1,700 MBTUH \$5,000
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 1,701-2,000 MBTUH \$7,500
Natural gas furnace	AFUE ≥ 92% SB \$550
	AFUE ≥ 95%, ENERGY STAR® rated SB \$1,000
Condensing unit heater	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity < 300 MBH SB \$450
Infrared heater	Low-intensity heater SB \$1,200



Water heating equipment

Qualifying equipment	Rebate
Gas storage water heater	ENERGY STAR® qualified, energy factor ≥ 0.67 SB \$250
88% TE water heater	TE ≥ 88%, input capacity > 75 MBTUH \$150



Commercial food service equipment

Qualifying Equipment	Rebate
ENERGY STAR® convection oven	Cooking efficiency ≥ 44% \$400 (per deck)
Combination oven	Combination convection/steam oven with cooking efficiency ≥ 40% \$900
Rack oven	Single oven with baking energy efficiency ≥ 50% \$700
	Double oven with baking energy efficiency ≥ 50% \$1,400
Conveyor oven	Cooking efficiency ≥ 42% and conveyor width < 25 inches \$500 (per deck)
	Cooking efficiency ≥ 42% and conveyor width ≥ 25 inches \$1,000 (per deck)
Infrared rotisserie oven	Must utilize infrared burners \$500
Infrared upright broiler	Must utilize infrared burners \$500
Infrared charbroiler	Must utilize infrared burners \$500
Infrared salamander broiler	Must utilize infrared burners \$500
ENERGY STAR commercial steamer	Cooking efficiency ≥ 38%. Both 5 and 6-pan units are eligible. \$950
ENERGY STAR griddle	Heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 38% \$250
ENERGY STAR fryer	Heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50%, width < 18 inches \$500 (per vat)
	Large vat heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50%, width ≥ 18 inches \$550 (per vat)
Pasta cooker	Must be a dedicated pasta cooker, as determined by the manufacturer \$200
Pre-rinse spray valve	Flow rate ≤ 1.25 gpm at 60 psi \$25
Bottom-finned stock pot	Capacity 18 - 40 quarts \$25

ments, complete rules, dates, and eligibility.

Business custom incentive



Custom incentives help offset your project cost so your business can move forward with implementing energy efficient improvements. Custom incentives are based on the therms saved from the energy efficiency project and available for projects that are not currently covered by rebates for energy efficiency projects that involve improvements to existing systems or processes which result in a permanent reduction in natural gas usage.

Custom incentives

Project savings	Incentive amount	Incentive cap
2,500 – 15,000 therms saved/year	\$0.75/therm saved	\$500,000 and cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost
> 15,000 therms saved/year	\$1.00 per therm saved	
Multi-family		
2,500 – 7,500 therms saved/year	\$0.75 per therm saved	
> 7,500 therms saved/year	\$1.00 per therm saved	
Small business		
> 2,500 therms saved/year	\$1.25 per therm saved	

energySMART pre-approval is required before any equipment is purchased or any work begins at the site.

How to apply

Pre-installation

1 Complete and submit the pre-approval application

Submit a pre-approval application and all required documentation before starting any work on the project.

2 Pre-installation inspection

Once the pre-approval application is submitted, our engineers will review your application and contact you to schedule a pre-inspection site visit.

3 Obtain pre-approval notice

After the site visit you will receive a pre-approval letter with the estimated incentive amount.

4 Install your project

You can now make a purchase and start the installation of the project.

5 Complete and submit the final application

Submit the final application after the project is completed.

6 Post-installation inspection

Our engineers will come back out to the site and complete the post-inspection site visit.

7 Obtain final approval and collect your incentive

Once your project is approved, you will be issued a final approval notice and your incentive payment will be processed and delivered.

Install

Post-installation

Common projects

- High-efficiency burner replacements
- High-efficiency furnace replacements
- High-efficiency boiler replacements
- Burner and furnace controls
- Process heat recovery technologies, including flue stack and condensing economizers
- Regenerative thermal oxidizers
- Condensate return system improvements
- Direct fired heaters
- Destratification fans
- Building and process insulation
- Air-side measures:
 - Make up air units
 - Energy recovery ventilators
 - Demand-controlled ventilation

Ask us about assessments.

Visit nicorgasrebates.com for details.

Call 312.344.1569 or email customrebates@nicorgasrebates.com

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The energySMART team will work with you every step of the way.