

Cooling Efficiency

Increase comfort without compromise

Cooling is the second largest consumer of electricity in commercial buildings and the largest contributor to peak electricity demand during hot weather. Fortunately, with advances in today's HVAC technology, you can choose new cooling equipment that is at least 20 percent more efficient than units just 15 years old.

Whether you're ready to replace your entire cooling system or just specific components, our Cooling Efficiency rebates help lower your upfront costs and shorten your payback period.

How our program works

We offer cash rebates for qualifying, high-efficiency cooling equipment, such as chillers, direct evaporative pre-cooling and other select equipment. On average, our rebates equate to approximately 60 percent of the incremental cost incurred for purchasing high-efficiency equipment rather than standard-efficiency equipment.

For cooling equipment that does not qualify for our prescriptive rebate program, we offer rebates through our Custom Efficiency program—up to \$500 per kW saved for system peak savings. When non-peak savings exceed system peak savings, customers earn an additional rebate of up to \$100 per kW saved. All Custom Efficiency projects require preapproval prior to purchase and installation.

Where to start – consider your budget

If your cooling system is more than 15 years old, it uses up to 20 percent more electricity than new models and is likely to become increasingly unreliable and expensive to maintain. Plus, a scheduled replacement of your cooling system can generally be negotiated at a lower cost—and with less inconvenience—than an emergency replacement of a failed unit.

If you're considering an update to your cooling system, keep the following factors in mind:

- **Plan ahead.** A replacement will allow for more careful analysis of your options, costs, rebate opportunities, energy costs and payback period.
- **Consider your timing.** Take advantage of off-season replacements that offer zero downtime for your cooling system and often saves on equipment and installation costs.
- **Reliability.** Your new equipment is less apt to break down on hot days when you need it most.
- **Avoid wasted energy dollars.** Replace equipment now rather than wait until existing equipment breaks down completely.

When you install qualifying equipment that is more energy efficient than older models, you bolster your bottom line with energy savings and lower electric bills. You also can replace a working system and count the dollars saved in several ways.

Call now to get started

Don't wait for your cooling equipment to break down before you consider a replacement. Contact your Xcel Energy account manager or an energy advisor at our Business Solutions Center to get started on improvements for your cooling system.



Combine rebates with financing to lower upfront project costs.

Xcel Energy has partnered with HBC Energy Capital to provide a one-stop solution for your energy efficiency financing needs.

For more information, visit xcelenergy.com/BusinessEnergyEfficiencyFinancingCO.

Efficiency upgrades often pay for themselves in energy savings in just a few years while maintaining—even increasing—the comfort to which you are accustomed.

855.839.8862

energyefficiency@xcelenergy.com

Visit our website at xcelenergy.com/Cooling to access our program application and a list of qualifying equipment.