Xcel Energy®

It pays to save energy

Guide to Xcel Energy rebates, incentives and programs for residential customers in Minnesota

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Save energy and money your way

If you're making home improvements, shopping for new appliances, or looking for ways to be kind to the planet—you probably know that energy efficiency and renewable energy products and improvements can help lower your energy costs and carbon emissions. We offer a number of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and rebates to give you more choices, flexibility and control over your energy.

Three steps toward greater home efficiency:

Step 1: Start with a Home Energy Squad visit.

Step 2: Pick the programs you need and make the improvements

Step 3: Apply for the rebates.

Visit **xcelenergy.com** for detailed information.

Local, state or federal tax credits may also be available for energy-efficient home improvements. Ask your tax advisor or visit energystar.gov.

Types of energy you use

Before you get started, you'll need to know what type of energy we provide for use in your home. Knowing this will help you determine what programs are right for you. If you're not sure, look on your energy bill or call us at 800.895.4999.

Electric: This symbol indicates a program designed for our electricity customers.

Natural Gas: This symbol indicates a program designed for our natural gas customers.

Types of programs you may want

We're all interested in efficiency for different reasons. From talking with customers like you, we can put those reasons into some general categories:

Cash Back: This symbol indicates a program where we give you cash back for purchasing energy-saving products.

Increase Comfort: This symbol indicates a program designed to help you increase your home's comfort.

Renewable Energy: This symbol indicates a program that uses or promotes renewable energy. And remember, in addition to using clean, renewable energy, anytime you reduce your energy use you are reducing emissions.

Approved contractor: This symbol indicates a program that requires you to use an Xcel Energy approved contractor to install the equipment or make the improvement. We have a whole list to choose from at xcelenergy.com.

Account Management: This symbol indicates billing, payment and account management programs.

Step 1: Start with a Home Energy Squad visit

Home Energy Squad

Program benefits

- Qualified professionals install energy-efficient products in your home; you pay the cost of the trip charge—we'll pick up the cost of labor to install them.

Visit HomeEnergySquad.net or call 866.222.4595.

Description of eligibility

Home Energy Squad Service cost $70*

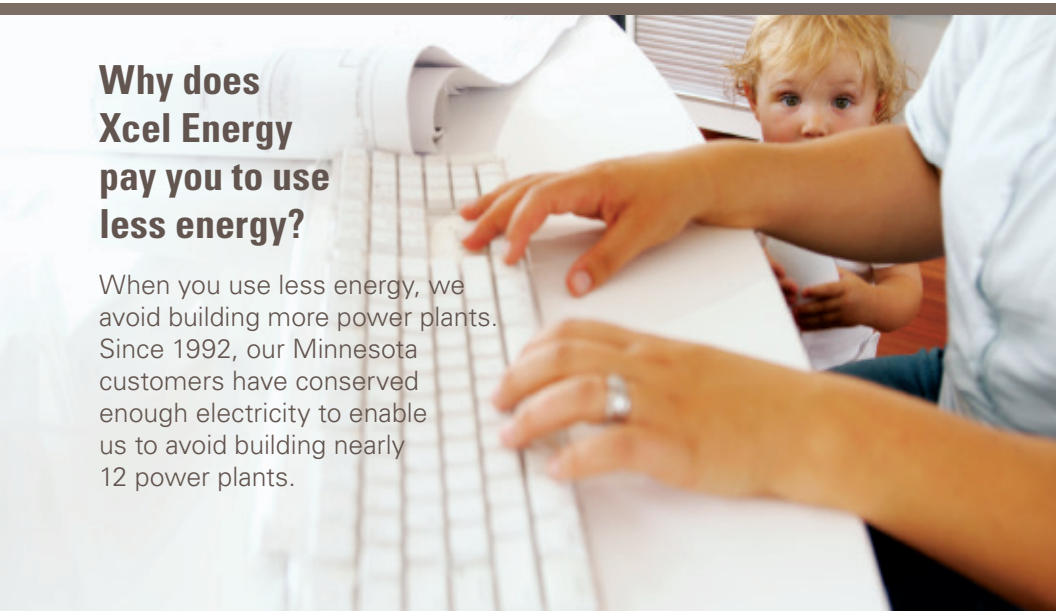
Choose from these items:

- LEDs
- Programmable thermostat
- Weatherstrip external doors
- High-efficiency showerheads
- Program pre-existing thermostat
- Water temperature assessment and setback
- Bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators

Enhanced Home Energy Assessment service cost $100*

(Includes choice of items above and a Standard Audit.)

**Overall quantities of each measure are limited and will vary based on home's need. Additional materials are available for purchase. Must be an Xcel Energy electric customer and an Xcel Energy or CenterPoint Energy natural gas customer to participate in the Home Energy Squad service.*



Why does Xcel Energy pay you to use less energy?

When you use less energy, we avoid building more power plants. Since 1992, our Minnesota customers have conserved enough electricity to enable us to avoid building nearly 12 power plants.

Step 2: Choose your programs

Home Energy Audit

A Home Energy Audit gives you a plan to improve the energy efficiency, durability and comfort of your home. You'll learn what's wrong and how to fix it.

We believe having a plan is so important, we pay up to **70% of the cost*** of this service. An auditor will come to your home to assess your home's energy usage and make recommendations to make your home more efficient. It will take about two hours and can be scheduled at a convenient time for you. Call **800.895.4999** or go online to **xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergyAudit** to get started.

**Prices include the discount.*

Audit type	Description	Price
Home walkthrough — Available to all residential customers.	A whole-house visual inspection and basic energy bill analysis.	$30
Standard audit — Available to all residential customers.	Comprehensive option includes: 1. Home walkthrough: Visible inspection and basic bill analysis. 2. Blower door test: Identifies air leaks 3. Infrared camera scan: Analyzes heating/cooling loss in the home when applicable (weather dependent).	$60

Programs based on your plan

Whole-house improvement

If your home needs several energy efficiency projects.

Whole Home Efficiency

Call Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC) 651.221.4462, Ext. 136.

Program benefits

- Whole-house improvement program which looks at your home as a system.
- Third party, post-improvement test provides peace of mind.

Description of eligibility

- Standard Audit required to begin program.
- Must have combination Xcel Energy gas and electric service.
- Includes free installation of LEDs, faucet aerators, showerheads, and water heater blankets

Rebates or incentives

Choose one or both of the insulation requirements*	
Attic Insulation	30% of project cost, up to $300
OR	
Comprehensive Wall Insulation	30% of project cost, up to $300

Choose additional projects for a minimum of three (3) total improvements*	
Insulation and air sealing	
Air Leakage Reduction (25-29%)	$150
Air Leakage Reduction (30% and above)	$200
Wall Insulation (Non-comprehensive)	30% of project cost, up to $300
High efficiency heating	
95% AFUE Furnace	$200
96% AFUE Furnace	$325
97% AFUE Furnace	$425
84% AFUE Boiler	$125
90% AFUE Boiler	$300
95% AFUE Boiler	$400
EC Motor Furnace Fan (new or existing furnace)	$125
Programmable Thermostat (install and program)	$ 10

High efficiency cooling	
13.0 + SEER AC with Quality Install	$175
15.0 + SEER; 12.5+ EER AC with Quality Install	$375
16.0 + SEER; 13.0+ EER AC with Quality Install	$475
Ductless mini-split heat pump (Minimum 15 SEER, 11 HSPF)	$200
Water heating	
.67 EF Storage Gas Water Heater	$100
.70 EF Storage Gas Water Heater	$175
.90 EF Tankless Gas Water Heater	$250
ENERGY STAR® appliances	
Clotheswasher	$ 10
Refrigerator	$ 15
Items Available for installation at the time of final inspection	
LED bulbs (up to 15)	FREE
Faucet Aerators	FREE
Efficient Showerheads	FREE
Water Heater Blanket	FREE

**Certain restrictions and criteria do apply in order to be eligible for these rebates.*

Individual programs

If your home only needs one or two projects try these heating and cooling programs.

Individual rebates: cooling

Central Air Conditioning

Program benefits

- Increases energy efficiency with a new system.
- Maximizes energy savings by focusing on proper installation practices.

Description of eligibility

- Only participating contractors are eligible to offer cooling system rebates. In order to qualify for a rebate, you must select a contractor from the list of participating contractors at **xcelenergy.com/ContractorSearch**. Equipment efficiency ratings can be found at ahridirectory.net.
- Self installs do not qualify for a rebate.

Rebates with quality installation

13-14.9 SEER	$150
15 SEER/12.5 EER	$350
16 SEER/13EER	$450

Ground Source Heat Pumps

Program benefits

- Increases energy efficiency through high-efficiency cooling equipment.

Description of eligibility

- The unit must provide cooling to the home. Only closed loop ENERGY STAR® systems qualify.
- The list of approved equipment is available at ahridirectory.org and/or energystar.gov.

Rebates or incentives

ENERGY STAR qualified with a minimum 14.1 SEER	$150 per ton (5 ton limit)

Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps

Program benefits

- Efficiently heat and cool homes or rooms when ductwork isn't an option.

Description of eligibility

- Only ductless mini-split heat pumps qualify; no ducted or cooling-only systems.
- The list of approved equipment is available at ahridirectory.org.

Rebates or incentives

Minimum 15 SEER, 11 EER, 9 HSPF	$200 per system

Individual rebates: cooling *(continued)*

Saver's Switch®

Visit xcelenergy.com/SaversSwitch or call 800.895.4999.

Program benefits

- Cash back program. Earth-friendly, load management device.

Description of eligibility

- Must have central air conditioning.
- Saver's Switch is installed by Xcel Energy.

Rebates or incentives

- 15% discount on June through September electric energy charges each year you participate.

Individual rebates: heating

Heating and ECM Rebates

Visit xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates or call 800.895.4999.

Program benefits

- Increases energy efficiency with a new furnace or boiler.
- Electronically Commutated Motors (ECM) that may be included with a new furnace purchase will add to your savings.
- Ongoing monthly savings by targeting one of the biggest energy users in your home.

Description of eligibility

- The list of approved equipment is available at ahridirectory.org.

Existing home	
95% AFUE Furnace	$200
96% AFUE Furnace	$300
97% AFUE Furnace	$400
84% AFUE Boiler	$100
90% AFUE Boiler	$300
95% AFUE Boiler	$400

New home	
95% AFUE Boiler	$100
96% AFUE Boiler	$150
97% AFUE Boiler	$200
Boiler rebates for new homes are the same as existing homes	

ECM	
ECM with new furnace or as a retrofit to an existing furnace	$100

Individual rebates: heating *(continued)*

Water Heating Rebates

Visit xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates or call 800.895.4999.

Program benefits

- Increases energy efficiency with a new water heater.

Description of eligibility

- The list of approved equipment is available at ahridirectory.org.
- Standard tank water heaters must be ≤ 55 gallons to qualify.

Rebates or incentives

Standard Tank Water Heater 0.67 EF	$75
Standard Tank Water Heater 0.70 EF	$150
Tankless Water Heater 0.90 EF	$250

Insulation Rebates

Program benefits

- Maximizes energy savings by targeting one of the most significant energy improvements you can make in your home.
- Can save up to 20% on heating and cooling costs (or up to 10% on total annual energy bills).

Description of eligibility

- Customers must use a contractor that has been certified by Building Performance Institute (BPI), Inc. and have Residential Building Envelope Whole House Air Leakage Control Installer (RBE-WHALCI) certification in order to qualify for a rebate.

Rebates or incentives

- Electric customers must use electricity as their primary heat source to qualify.
- Invoices with dates of January 1, 2017 or later qualify for the new rebate structure.
- Air sealing & weather stripping – 30% of incremental costs up to $150
- Attic insulation – 30% of incremental costs up to $300
- Wall insulation – 30% of incremental costs up to $300

Home efficiency

Additional programs to help you save energy and money.

Home Lighting

Visit xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals for participating retailers.

Program benefits

- Increases energy efficiency and savings by offering discounts on light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs.

Description of eligibility

- Discounts on a variety of LED bulbs. No rebate forms to complete.

Rebates or incentives

- Discounts on LED bulbs through local retailers. Visit the xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals for bulb details and participating retail locations.
- Recycle your used CFLs at participating retailers.

Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling

Call our partner ARCA at 800.599.5795 or visit xcelenergy.com/Fridge.

Program benefits

- Energy savings could exceed $100 per year*
- Recycle metals, plastics and glass; keep harmful coolants and chemicals out of the landfill.

Description of eligibility

- Recycle up to two old, inefficient refrigerators and/or freezers per household per program year.
- Refrigerator/freezer must be a working unit that has been functioning in the home for a minimum of six months to qualify.
- Primary (kitchen) and secondary (garage/basement/other) units are eligible.
- Additional eligibility for participation is required, including but not limited to size restrictions and limitations.

*Visit energystar.gov/refrigerators to learn more about energy savings.

Rebates or incentives

- Free pick-up and recycling.
- $35 cash back per unit recycled.

High-Efficiency New Homes

If you're buying a new home, be sure it's a high-efficiency home. You'll save money for years to come.

Efficient New Home Construction

Program benefits

- A minimum of 10% increased efficiency built right in.
- Lower energy bills.
- More comfortable home with healthier indoor air.
- Potential for higher resale value.

Description of eligibility

Rebates or incentives

- Program open to commercial home builders
- Rebates available to participating builders

Call 800.895.4999 or visit xcelenergy.com/NewHomeConstruction for more information or to find a participating builder.

Renewable energy

Now that you've taken steps to make your home more energy efficient, the next step is looking at ways to invest in renewable energy.

Solar*Rewards®

Program benefits

- Earth-friendly solar generates clean energy and, in turn, uses less electricity from our grid.

Description of eligibility

- Qualifying photovoltaic (PV) systems only.

Rebates or Incentives

System Size	Between .05kW and 20 kW DC
Who Qualifies	Locations served by Xcel Energy in Minnesota
Incentive Payment	Performance-based per kWh
Contract Term	10-year contract

Visit xcelenergy.com/Solar or call 800.895.4999.

Windsource®

Program benefits

- Support renewable energy in Minnesota by signing up for Windsource, our leading voluntary green power program.

Description of eligibility

- For a small premium on your monthly electric bill, you can purchase clean, renewable energy for your home or business. Visit our website for the current Windsource rate and other terms and conditions.

Visit xcelenergy.com/Windsource or call 800.895.4999.

Income-qualified energy saving services

No-cost programs to help you save energy and money.

Income-qualified Home Energy Savings Programs

Program benefits

- Lower monthly energy costs. Improve living conditions.

Description of eligibility

- Based on income and need.

Rebates or incentives

- Our service providers will determine actual services to be provided with a home assessment. Services include, attic and wall insulation and air sealing. Appliance replacements may include natural gas furnace, boiler or water heater, freezer, window air conditioner, and refrigerator. Appliance recycling included.

Metro East Call Energy CENTS Coalition 651.774.9010
Metro West and Out of State Call Sustainable Resources Center, Inc. 612.870.4255.
Toll-free: 844.870.4255

Billing and payment choices

Save time and manage your budget with these flexible billing and payment choices from Xcel Energy.

Program Name	Program Benefit	For More Information
My Account with eBill and eBill payment	Online account management in one place. Includes online billing and payment, program information, energy use tracking and efficiency information.	Enroll at **xcelenergy.com/MyAccount.**
My Energy	Use this free tool to learn more about how your energy is being used, and for ways to help you manage your energy usage and bills.	Go to your **MyAccount** Hompage and click on the **MyEnergy** button. Use the tabs at the top of the **MyEnergy** page to browse the different topics related to energy use.
Auto Pay	Your monthly energy bill is automatically withdrawn from your checking account on the day it is due.	Enroll online at **xcelenergy.com/MyAccount** or download an application at **xcelenergy.com.**
Averaged Monthly Payments	Spreads your energy costs over the entire year at no additional charge.	Enroll online at **xcelenergy.com/MyAccount** or download an application at **xcelenergy.com**
Custom Due Date	Set your own billing due date. Works with all other billing and payment programs.	Call **800-895.4999.**

Why does Xcel Energy require that you use a participating contractor for some programs?

To help ensure you receive a quality installation of energy-efficient equipment and materials. This helps to achieve optimal savings throughout the lifetime of your equipment.

Step 3: Apply for rebates

Rebate forms for programs that do not require a participating contractor are available at **xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates.**

Please review the application instructions carefully. We recommend that both parties check to ensure all required information has been provided. Also, both parties should retain copies of the application and invoice for their records.

In some cases, you must use an Xcel Energy registered participating contractor to be eligible for a rebate.

Start today

Staying efficient is the key to a more comfortable home, lower energy bills and a sustainable, independent energy future. We can help.

Explore program options at **xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates.**

Or call us at **800.895.4999.** We can talk to you about the programs that interest you. If you know anyone who is having trouble paying their energy bill, please urge them to call us before they receive a late-payment notice.

Thank you for your business and your commitment to energy efficiency. Online rebates are available at **xcelenergy.com/digital_rebate.**

Contractor contact information:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional information _____

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