

# Home rebate application

**Rebates are available for qualifying products purchased and installed between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.** Complete steps one through seven to apply for rebates. All fields are required. Need help? Call us at **877.886.4239** (Mon–Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or email **info@nicorgasrebates.com**

## Get ready:

Review the eligibility requirements and terms and conditions throughout the application to verify that you are eligible for a rebate. Collect all required information listed in step seven to complete your application.

## Get started:

Complete, sign and mail the application. All applications must be postmarked within 90 days of installation or by June 30, 2017, whichever comes first. Mail your signed application and invoice or receipt to:

Nicor Gas  
Attn: energySMART 16-67621  
P.O. Box 540071  
El Paso, TX 88554-0071

## Get your rebate:

You will receive your rebate check approximately six to eight weeks after your application has been reviewed and approved.

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### Customer information (as it appears on account)

Nicor Gas account number Please write the first 10 digits of your account number. Include any leading zeros but do not include dashes.

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First name Last name

Installation address City State ZIP code

Phone number Email address

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### Contractor information

Contractor business name (as it appears on invoice or receipt)

Address City State ZIP code

Phone number Email address

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### Rebate check

Make check payable to (select one):

Account holder

Contractor Circle installing member

Landlord First name Last name

(required if landlord is selected)

Mailing address (if different than above) City State ZIP code

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### Applicant signature

I certify that the participant has not received/will not receive a rebate for the same product from more than one Illinois investor-owned utility or third-party energy efficiency program offering rebates or financing funded with ratepayer funds, with the exception of qualifying joint ComEd/Nicor Gas rebate offers. I certify that the energy-efficient product was paid for as reflected on the invoice or receipt and described in this rebate application. I certify that all information is true and correct, and that I have met all program requirements as outlined in the terms and conditions. I understand and agree to the terms and conditions for which I am submitting this rebate application, as described on pages one through four. I understand rebate amounts are based upon verification of information provided in this application.

Applicant signature Date

Print applicant name Promo code (if applicable)

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## What did you install?

Select the rebates you would like to apply for below. If you are applying for more than one type of product with a different manufacturer or model number, print and complete additional copies of page three.



## Thermostats

| Check one:                                       | Rebate |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smart thermostat        | \$50   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programmable thermostat | \$20   |

### Eligibility requirements

#### General requirements for all thermostat rebates

- The thermostat must be installed on a system with residential-sized natural gas space heating equipment with an input capacity of < 300 MBTUH.\*

#### Smart thermostats

- Only smart thermostats approved by energySMART are eligible for a rebate. For a list of qualifying smart thermostats, visit [nicorgasrebates.com/smartstat](http://nicorgasrebates.com/smartstat)
- Smart thermostats must be installed in a home with a working Wi-Fi connection.
- Smart thermostats replacing programmable thermostats qualify for the smart thermostat rebate.

#### Programmable thermostats

- The programmable thermostat must be capable of maintaining separate programs for weekdays and weekends, with at least two temperature settings for each program.
- The programmable thermostat rebate is available for qualifying thermostats installed in an existing home or a new addition. Programmable thermostats installed in homes built after June 2015 are not eligible for a rebate. Homes built after June 2015 are required to have a thermostat capable of maintaining separate settings per the Illinois Energy Conservation Code.



## Furnaces

| Check one:                                  | Rebate |
|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 97% AFUE furnace | \$250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 95% AFUE furnace | \$200  |

### Eligibility requirements

- The rebate amount is determined by the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating of the qualifying furnace.



## Home and water heating packages

| Check one:   | Rebate |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 97% AFUE furnace + qualifying thermostat + ≥ 0.67 EF storage water heater | \$600  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 95% AFUE furnace + qualifying thermostat + ≥ 0.67 EF storage water heater | \$500  |

### Eligibility requirements

- To receive a home and water heating package rebate, a qualifying natural gas furnace, storage water heater and programmable or smart thermostat must be installed at the same time.
- The natural gas storage water heater must have an Energy Factor (EF) ≥ 0.67 and a tank size ≤ 55 gallons.
- Instantaneous (tankless) water heaters are not eligible.



## Boilers

| Check one:                                 | Rebate |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 95% AFUE boiler | \$425  |

### Eligibility requirements

- Only residential-sized boilers with an input capacity of < 300 MBTUH\* are eligible.

\* MBTUH = Thousand British Thermal Units per Hour



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## Product information



Thermostat

Collect the following information from your contractor for the product(s) installed. Verify your invoice/receipt is legible and includes all of the information listed in step seven. Contact your contractor before submitting your application if any information is illegible or missing, as that may delay processing of your rebate.

| Install date | Manufacturer | Model number | Quantity |
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I installed the thermostat myself

If you are applying for a **smart thermostat** rebate, complete the following section:

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| Serial number                                | What did the thermostat replace?  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programmable thermostat, set to program<br><input type="checkbox"/> Programmable thermostat, set to "hold"<br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual thermostat |
| Type of existing natural gas heating system: | <input type="checkbox"/> Furnace<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boiler   |



Furnace

| Install date | Manufacturer | Model number | Quantity |
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Storage water heater

(Must be installed with a qualifying furnace and qualifying thermostat)

| Install date | Manufacturer | Model number | Quantity |
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Boiler

| Install date | Manufacturer | Model number | Quantity |
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Your responses to these questions are used to evaluate the program, and will not impact your rebate eligibility or payment amount.

If you are replacing a **furnace or boiler**, please complete the following section:

Was your old/existing furnace or boiler working when it was replaced?  Yes  No

Estimated age of old/existing product \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) old

Efficiency rating of old/existing product \_\_\_\_\_ AFUE

Did the unit need repairs before it was replaced?  No  Yes, and the estimated cost of repairs was:  Less than \$525  \$525 to \$700  More than \$700

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## Attach invoice or receipt

Don't forget to submit a copy of the invoice or receipt which must include:

- Contractor name and contact information (if applicable)
- Installation date
- Product manufacturer and model number
- Total cost of installation
- Proof of payment or payment terms (e.g., balance due of zero, financing terms or paid-in-full stamp)
- For self-installed thermostats:** Please include a retail receipt showing the product manufacturer, model number, total cost and purchase date
- For Contractor Circle installing members providing the rebate as an instant discount:** Include a customer-signed invoice showing the rebate amount deducted from the purchase price, clearly labeled as an energySMART or Nicor Gas rebate. Other discounts or rebates unrelated to energySMART should be shown as a separate line item.



# energySMART rebate terms and conditions

## Participant requirements

You are eligible to participate in energySMART (“the program”) if you are:

- A current residential customer of Nicor Gas.
- A customer of a Nicor Gas participating supplier through the Customer Select program.
- Installing qualifying energy-efficient products in a residential dwelling used as a primary residence.

## Product and installation requirements

Your installation of a qualifying energy-efficient natural gas product is eligible for a rebate if it:

- Meets all rebate-specific energy efficiency and program requirements.
- Is purchased new. Resale products, new parts installed in existing products, or products that are leased, rebuilt, rented, received from insurance or warranty claims, or won as a prize do not qualify.
- Is replacing an existing natural gas product used for the same purpose (applicable only to installations completed in existing homes; natural gas products replacing electric products and electric products replacing natural gas products are not eligible).
- Is installed by a professional contractor compliant with all applicable building, local and state codes, and manufacturer specifications. Installations must adhere to applicable environmental, health and safety regulations and product must be properly ventilated (if applicable). Programmable/smart thermostats do not require professional installation but it is strongly recommended to ensure the efficient and proper functioning of equipment/product.
- Is installed and operational at the address listed on the application prior to submittal of this application.
- Is installed in a single-family dwelling or a multi-family dwelling with four units or less.
- Is installed in a property owned by the applicant, or the applicant has received permission from the property owner to install the product. The applicant’s signature on the application and/or invoice indicates that the appropriate permission has been obtained.
- Is purchased and installed between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.
- Is installed in a home built before June 2015 (for programmable thermostats only). Homes built after this date are required to have a programmable thermostat per the Illinois Energy Conservation Code and therefore do not qualify.
- Is installed on a compatible natural gas heating system and connected to the internet via a Wi-Fi connection prior to submitting this application (for smart thermostats only), and the customer receiving a smart thermostat rebate from Nicor Gas allows the release of any usage data (if applicable), including customer’s name and address, to any contractor or other vendor providing services or support under this program.

## Application requirements

To be considered complete and eligible for rebates, all applications must:

- Be postmarked or submitted online no later than 90 days after the installation date, or by June 30, 2017, whichever comes first.
- Include contractor invoice(s) or receipt(s), showing:
  - Product manufacturer and model number
  - Installation date
  - Proof of payment or payment terms (for example: balance due of zero, financing terms or paid in-full stamp)
  - Contractor name and contact information (if installed by a contractor)
- Be signed by the Nicor Gas account holder unless the rebate is being made payable to a landlord or a Contractor Circle installing member.
- Meet instant discount and/or landlord participant requirements, if applicable.
- Use separate applications if applying for products installed by different contractors.

Online applications must be:

- Submitted online at [nicorgasrebates.com/apply](http://nicorgasrebates.com/apply)
- Accompanied by a copy of the required contractor invoice(s) or receipt(s).

## Payee information

- The program allows the rebate check to be made payable to one of the following: Nicor Gas account holder, landlord or current Contractor Circle installing member.
- If you are the account holder and want the rebate check to be made payable to you, please complete the rebate application, provide the required supporting documentation listed on the rebate application and sign as the “Applicant.”
- To have the check payable to the landlord (who is not the account holder) or the installing contractor (i.e. a Contractor Circle installing member who provided an instant discount), please review all requirements for applications submitted by a landlord or contractor.

## Contractor Circle instant discount requirements

- Instant discounts may only be offered by current Contractor Circle installing members that meet all program requirements.

Contractor must submit:

- A Contractor Circle installing member signed rebate application
- A copy of the customer-signed invoice showing the rebate amount deducted from the total purchase price and clearly labeled as a Nicor Gas or energySMART rebate. The customer’s signature on the invoice verifies that the qualifying product(s) was/were installed, that the customer received the instant discount, and allows the release of the rebate payment to the contractor.
- Contractor Circle installing members must verify customer, product, and installation eligibility prior to providing an instant discount. The contractor assumes all liability by providing the rebate as an instant discount.
- A customer may be contacted by energySMART to verify any of the information provided on the rebate application or invoice prior to payment of a rebate to a contractor for an instant discount.
- Any dispute regarding customer’s receipt of a rebate as an instant discount will be investigated by Nicor Gas, and contractor payees are subject to payment adjustments in the event a customer has not received the full and correct rebate amount as an instant discount.
- Contractor Circle installing member is responsible for providing the full and correct rebate amount for a qualifying product. Contractor must provide an additional discount or reimbursement to the customer prior to processing the rebate application if the full and correct rebate amount was not originally provided.
- The online application is limited to Contractor Circle installing members. Contractors should visit [nicorgasrebates.com/contractor-circle](http://nicorgasrebates.com/contractor-circle) for more information or to enroll.

## Landlord participant requirements

If you are applying for a rebate for a property you own, but the Nicor Gas account is in your tenant’s name, page one of your rebate application must show:

- Tenant’s (Customer’s) Nicor Gas account number, name and address.
- The appropriate box checked for the rebate to be paid to the landlord, with full name or business name in the proper fields.

By signing the application, the landlord represents that the account holder has agreed to release payment of the rebate to the landlord.

## Program terms and conditions

- Funds are limited and applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Program is subject to change and may end without prior notice.
- Please allow approximately six to eight weeks for processing of any rebates.
- Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- Failure to complete the rebate application in full and provide the required supporting documentation will either delay the payment process or result in your application being denied.
- Maintain a copy of your rebate application and all supporting documentation. The program is not responsible for items (e.g., rebate applications, supporting documentation and/or rebate checks) lost or damaged in the mail.
- Contractors Circle installing members are eligible to have the rebate signed over to them. Contractors receiving rebates are not eligible for any other incentives for the same products.
- If you do not own the property where the product is installed, as a tenant, you are responsible for obtaining the property owner’s permission to install the product for which you are applying for a rebate. Your submission of the application indicates that you have obtained permission.
- Rebate incentives may not exceed the total purchase price of the installed product. Only materials, products and labor costs are eligible.
- All product installations are subject to verification by the program.
- Participants must allow, if requested, the program (or a program representative) reasonable access to their home to verify the rebated product has been installed.
- Participants may be contacted by an evaluator to verify the product installation or be asked to complete a customer survey. If contacted, participation is required per the terms and conditions of the program.
- Nicor Gas, its officers, employees, contractors and program administrators disclaim any and all liability, loss or damage and make no guarantees related to:
  - Participation in the program, including use or installation of product(s)
  - Loss or delay of rebate check in the mail
  - Any taxes that may be imposed as a result of participation in the program
- Payments made to contractors, business customers or landlords may be taxable under federal and state tax codes. If payments total more than \$600 per calendar year, they will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Nicor Gas is not responsible for providing advice regarding any taxes that may be imposed as a result of participation in energySMART. Participants should consult a tax accountant or advisor regarding potential tax liability. Nicor Gas is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed on your business as a result of these payments.

