

# Energy Efficiency Pays

Beginning October 1, 2009, Columbia Power & Water Systems, in partnership with TVA, is making it easier than ever to become energy efficient while also saving money. With the new In-Home Energy Evaluation Program, homeowners can reduce their power usage and receive a cash incentive for installing home energy improvements. The recommended energy-related home improvements are eligible for reimbursement of 50% of the installation cost, with a maximum rebate of \$500 per household.

Here's how the program works:

- \* Homes must have at least one year of electric service with CPWS.
- \* A \$150 home energy evaluation fee must be paid up-front by the homeowner. If any recommended improvements are made over \$150, the fee will be reimbursed.
- \* Contact CPWS at 931-388-4833 to arrange for an in-home energy evaluation by a TVA-certified evaluator.
- \* The evaluator will inspect your home and create a report outlining the potential energy-efficiency modifications that need to be made and the available incentives offered (listed below).
- \* Modifications must be made by a member of the TVA Quality Contractor Network, except for self-installed insulation. The evaluator will provide the names of qualified contractors.
- \* All home improvements must be completed within 90 days of evaluator's recommendations to be eligible for incentives and reimbursement of the evaluation fee. Once the work is finished, it will be inspected to ensure that everything is installed properly to maximize savings.
- \* After the inspection, you must submit receipts to CPWS for the completed work to be eligible for the cash incentive.
- \* Rental property is eligible for the program. Landlord to initiate evaluation. Tenant must sign a release for electric history.

These following items are eligible for the reimbursement of 50% of the installation cost with a maximum rebate of \$500 per household:

Energy Efficiency Measure	Requirement	Cash Incentive
Replace windows	Must meet Energy Star® requirements (officially branded with a sticker)	\$500
Storm windows	Must meet <i>energy right</i> ® requirements	\$500
Duct repair/replacement & sealing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing HVAC only</li> <li>• Air distribution only</li> </ul>	\$500
Rehabilitation work	Minor repair work such as broken glass, glazing or prime door replacement and CPWS pre-approval	\$250
Replace HVAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All heat pumps included</li> <li>• Dual-fuel heat pumps</li> <li>• Air conditioning (with gas pack or gas split)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet Energy Star® requirements</li> <li>• CPWS pre-approval for dual fuel or air conditioning</li> </ul>	\$250
Attic insulation/ventilation (must be nonpowered)	Must meet <i>energy right</i> ® requirements	\$500
Floor or perimeter insulation, and ground cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet <i>energy right</i>® requirements</li> <li>• Where allowed by Codes</li> </ul>	\$500
Exterior wall insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knee walls only</li> <li>• R18 or greater</li> </ul>	\$500
Water heater insulation	Electric only	\$50
Air sealing (including weatherstrip and caulk)	Must meet <i>energy right</i> ® requirements	\$500
Self-installed insulation, caulk, weatherstrip, rehabilitation (as defined above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the cost of materials may be claimed</li> <li>• CPWS pre-approval</li> </ul>	\$250
HVAC tune-up	Must be performed by QCN contractor.	\$150

The following items are not eligible for the cash incentive:

- Water heaters (including tankless)
- Dishwashers
- Insulated garage doors
- Window film/solar screens
- Room air conditioners
- Clothes washers or dryers
- Refrigerators
- Storm doors
- Radiant barriers
- Programmable thermostats (existing systems)

Some improvements may also be eligible for federal tax credits on your 2009 and 2010 Federal income tax return. For more information on the Federal tax credits, visit the Tax Incentive Assistance Project's website at [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org).

For more information on the In-Home Energy Evaluation Program, please contact CPWS at 931-388-4833 or visit our website at [www.cpws.com](http://www.cpws.com).

