

Electrify Santa Monica

Residential Rebate Program Pilot

Program Overview

The City of Santa Monica is offering rebates for the replacement of natural gas equipment with efficient all-electric alternatives. For residential properties, applicants may apply for up to \$1,000 in rebates. Eligible low-income applicants may receive up to \$1,800 in rebates. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted until funding is exhausted.

Additional funding is available for electric appliances through [Southern California Edison’s Rebate and Incentive Programs](#). Applying for both rebate programs is encouraged for maximum savings.

Who Can Apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Property Owners • Residential Tenants with Approval of Property Owner/Landlord
Eligible Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat Pump Water Heaters • Heat Pump HVAC Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Heat Pump • Mini-Split Heat Pump • Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps • Induction Cooking (Cooktop with or without Oven) • Electric Service Panel Upgrade

Rebate Amounts

Equipment Type	Standard Rebate	Income Qualified Rebate	Adder for Low GWP Refrigerant ¹
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$100	\$200	\$200
Heat Pump HVAC System	NA	\$500	
Induction Cooking	\$300	\$400	
Service Panel Upgrade	\$400	\$500	

¹Appliance must use a refrigerant with a GWP ≤ 700. Heat pumps using refrigerants with low global warming potentials (GWP ≤ 700) are an emerging market in North America, with limited models currently available.

General Requirements

- Rebates will only be issued for existing residential buildings
- New construction is not eligible for this program
- Each applicant is eligible for one rebate per appliance type per address (include unit number if applicable)
- New equipment must replace existing gas equipment
- Heat pumps may be added to buildings without air conditioning systems
- Equipment must be fixed to the property
- Equipment must be installed by a contractor with a Santa Monica business license

Equipment Requirements

Heat Pump Water Heater

- Must be Energy Star certified;
- Must have a Uniform Energy Factor (UEF) of 3.31 or higher; and
- Must meet NEEA Tier 3 Advanced Water Heater Specification

Heat Pump HVAC

- Must be certified by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI);
- Central and Mini-Split systems must have a SEER of 16.0 or greater and a HSPF of 8.5 or greater;
- Packaged or Vertical Terminal Heat-Pumps must provide heating and air-conditioning and have an EER of 11 or greater;
- Both the condenser unit and the air handler must be new and installed simultaneously

Induction Range (Cooktop & Oven)

- Must be all-electric
- Cooktop must be entirely induction

Service Panel Upgrade

- Must be installed in combination with a gas-to-electric conversion;
- Must replace or supplement the home's main electric service panel; and
- Electrical service equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, the current California Electrical Code, Article 230, Santa Monica Municipal Code, and SCE rules and regulations

Find an Installer

These lists are provided for convenience only and have been developed by utility partners.

- [The Switch is On](#)
- [SCE Marketplace/EnergyStar](#)

Rebate Application Steps

Step 1: Review the program requirements and details to confirm eligibility. Complete your online application [here](#).

- You will be notified via email if your application is approved and your rebate funding has been reserved.

- Residential applications that are eligible for income qualified incentives, please be sure to upload a copy of your utility bill showing participation in the CARE or FERA discounted rate programs or upload a completed [Low-Income Eligibility Form](#) with your application.
- Rebate checks will only be issued to the property owner or an approved tenant. You will need to submit a [W-9](#) for the designated payee and W-9 information must match IRS records.
- Rebate checks cannot be issued to contractors.

Step 2: Obtain at least one cost estimate for equipment and installation from a licensed contractor.

- Submit a cost estimate within **three weeks** after your application has been approved
- Cost estimates must include the following information:
 - Contractor name, address, and contact information
 - City of Santa Monica business license #
 - Project description, including what equipment is being removed
 - Specification sheets for new equipment

Please email cost estimate to drew.johnstone@smgov.net with the following subject line: ***Electrification Rebate – Cost Estimate, Last Name***

Step 3: Work with your contractor to fill out and submit a permit application.

- Submit a [permit application](#) within **four weeks**
- Respond to any Plan Check comments on your permit application within one week to avoid permitting delays. Your contractor will receive an email notification if there are comments to review.
 - Note – be sure that the email listed on the permit application matches the proper contact to respond to Plan Check comments (i.e. contractor)
- Begin the installation of your electric appliance(s) once you receive the permit.

Step 4: After the appliance has been installed, your contractor will schedule an inspection with the Building & Safety Division.

Step 5: Submit the following documentation to receive the rebate check:

- Permit number and proof of final inspection from the Building & Safety Division
- Proof of payment for the installation and equipment (paid invoice)
- Photos of installed equipment (include one photo of equipment installed and one photo of the make/model label)

Please email proof of inspection and proof of payment within **two weeks** of your final inspection date to drew.johnstone@smgov.net with the subject line: ***Electrification Rebate – Final Docs, Last Name***

Step 6: Receive your rebate check.

- The City will issue the rebate check to your designated payee.
- Please allow 2-6 weeks for your rebate check to be issued.
- Payee will receive a Form 1099-MISC if the rebate amount given is more than \$600.