

Take Advantage of Heating Rebates This Winter



Heating Rebates

Save big when purchasing thermostats and boilers.

A temperate winter is no excuse to take an out of sight, out of mind approach to the bitter cold. There are excellent rebates available right now for new high-efficiency boilers and programmable thermostats installed in the Chicagoland area. Discuss taking the energy savings from this winter and investing them in high-efficiency equipment to keep their bills low when winter is less accommodating. We've covered forced air rebates for homeowners before, but we didn't take a look into what kind of savings are available with hydronic heating systems and thermostats. Below is a breakdown of what different companies are offering for boiler installations and new thermostats. At the bottom of the post, you'll find convenient links to the forms necessary to secure the rebates.

Thermostat Rebates

Chicagoland homeowners looking to add a programmable thermostat are in luck, both Nicor and Peoples North Shore Gas offer a \$20 rebate. To qualify for these rebates, the thermostat needs to be at least 5-2 programmable with two periods per program. For Peoples North Shore homes, this thermostat must be replacing a non-programmable model.

If your clients are interested in a smart thermostat, ComEd is offering \$100 per smart thermostat installed before May 31st, 2016 with a maximum of two per household. Both the ecobee3 and Honeywell's Lyric qualify for this rebate. Thermostats must be professionally installed and connected to the internet to qualify.

Boiler Rebates

If your customer has Nicor, there's only one option: a 95%+ AFUE water boiler. Installing one of these will net the customer a \$425 rebate. Luckily, NTI's Trinity Fire Tube line of high-efficiency boilers has seven different sizes that qualify ranging from 60,000 BTU to 250,000 BTU.

Peoples North Shore customers enjoy a few more rebate options when it comes to boilers. Steam boilers with an AFUE rating greater than 82.5% qualify for \$150 from Peoples North Shore. Water boilers that operate at an AFUE of at least 88% get your customer \$450. Finally, 88%+ AFUE combi boilers get your client \$600 back in their pocket.

With this mild winter, a heating system upgrade may be the last thing on your clients' minds, but now is the perfect time. As always, if you have any questions about products or rebate programs, you can call your local Able Distributors branch for assistance. Below are the rebate forms for

ComEd, Nicor, and Peoples North Shore Gas.

ComEd Smart Thermostats Rebate Application Form

Nicor Home Rebate Application

Peoples North Shore Gas Home Energy Rebate Program HVAC and Water Heating Application