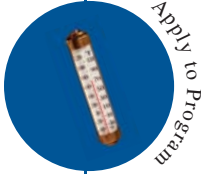




Size Air Conditioner

Install efficient AC



Apply to Program

Save Energy



Save Money

## RESIDENTIAL HIGH-EFFICIENCY AIR CONDITIONER REBATE

The average homeowner or renter spends about \$1,500 annually on energy bills. Cooling your home can account for a substantial portion of a home's energy use. Installing properly sized energy-efficient air conditioning equipment can save you money while helping Ames Electric Services maintain a healthy electric system in Ames.

If you are replacing or installing a new residential air conditioning system, the Smart Energy Air Conditioner program can help you purchase a more efficient system. Whether you are considering a central air conditioning system or a window unit, Smart Energy will reward you for going beyond the standard and choosing a high-efficiency alternative.

## How it works

A high energy-efficiency rating is certainly important when considering a new air conditioner, however proper system sizing can be even more important. Central air conditioning systems that are too big waste energy because they take more electricity than necessary to operate. They create added demand during the hottest days of summer when electricity is expensive. In addition, oversized systems can lead to an uncomfortable indoor climate because the system is unable to adequately remove moisture from the air.

A requirement for participating in the Smart Energy program is proper system sizing. Prior to applying for an incentive, your whole house cooling system should be properly sized by a representative of City of Ames Electric Services or your cooling professional. This is best accomplished BEFORE you purchase and install your system.

City of Ames Electric Services will size your system free of charge. We recommend you work with your air conditioning professional and request system sizing prior to deciding on a particular model. Either way, your central air conditioner, air-to-air heat pump or geothermal system must be properly sized in order to receive an incentive.

Window air conditioners must be EnergyStar-rated in order to receive an incentive. There is a limit of two window units per household.

Programmable thermostats must be EnergyStar-rated in order to receive an incentive. There is a limit of three thermostats per household.

## Applying for a Rebate

To receive a Smart Energy incentive, you or your cooling professional will fill out an application form and send it along with proof of purchase to:

City of Ames Electric Services  
Smart Energy  
502 Carroll Ave., P.O. Box 811  
Ames, IA 50010.

Your central air conditioning system application form must also be accompanied by a proper sizing report. Your cooling professional may provide this report, or call 1-800-318-8915. City of Ames Electric Services reserves the right to inspect the installation prior to paying an incentive.

If application forms are not included with this information, check online at: [www.cityofames.org](http://www.cityofames.org)

Type of equipment	Efficiency Rating	Incentive
Central AC & ATA Heat Pumps	Minimum 14 SEER	SEER – 14 x \$100 + \$200 Cap of \$400 per system installation. Sizing report provided by dealer or Electric Services.
Geothermal Heat Pumps	Minimum 14.1 EER	Cooling Btuh/12,000 (round to nearest 10th) x \$500
Desuperheater	N/A	\$200
Window Unit	EnergyStar Rated	\$50 Must include EnergyStar logo from package
Programmable Thermostat	EnergyStar Rated	\$25 Must include EnergyStar logo from package



You can do other things throughout the day to aid in conserving energy such as closing the drapes, using blinds to block out the daytime sun, avoiding or minimizing cooking with your oven, closing air registers and doors in rooms not being used, and turning your thermostat up a few degrees.

## Terms and Conditions

- Participant must be a City of Ames Electric Services customer.
- Proper central air conditioner sizing, approved by City of Ames Electric Services, is required for participation and must accompany the application. **This must be done before installation.** Sizing may be provided by your air conditioning specialist or Energy Services is available to provide free sizing by calling 1-800-318-8915.
- Qualifying units must be listed in the current ARI (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute) guide.
- Equipment must be installed prior to submission of application. All rebate payments are subject to verification.
- An itemized and dated invoice from the contractor must accompany the equipment application. Applications must be completed in full; incomplete applications will delay processing and may be returned. Rebates are based on the rebate schedule in effect on the date of your invoice.
- Electric Services' customers already receiving a programmable thermostat incentive from another utility are not eligible to receive the programmable thermostat incentive.
- Applications must be submitted within 30 days of equipment installation unless otherwise authorized.
- Rebate checks will be issued to the account holder in existing buildings unless otherwise established prior to submission of application.
- Checks will be issued to the builder/general contractor in new buildings unless otherwise established prior to submission of application.
- Contractor incentive checks will be issued upon verification of equipment.
- City of Ames Electric Services reserves the right to install a metering device on new equipment to verify energy savings.
- Rebates may be subject to income tax. Consult your tax advisor for more information.
- City of Ames Electric Services will pay incentives for multi-family residences on an individual building basis. Large multi-family complexes may be subject to an incentive cap. Multi-family residences must be approved prior to incentive application.
- Incentives paid cannot total more than the cost of qualifying equipment.
- Rebates are subject to availability of funds.
- This program is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

## Residential High Efficiency Air Conditioner Rebate

### Disclaimer

City of Ames Electric Services does not guarantee that installation and operation of energy-efficient equipment will result in reduced electric usage or in cost savings. The manner in which a customer uses and maintains energy-efficient equipment may affect potential cost savings. City of Ames Electric Services makes no warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to any equipment purchased or installed, including, but not limited to, any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event shall City of Ames Electric Services be held liable for any incidental or consequential damages or injuries resulting from defective equipment or installation. City of Ames Electric Services reserves the right to cancel or change programs at any time. City of Ames Electric Services' acceptance of an application does not guarantee payment of rebate or acceptance of financing.

For more information on the Residential High-Efficiency Air Conditioner Rebate and other *Smart Energy* programs, contact the City of Ames Electric Services at 515-239-5177 or go online at [www.cityofames.org](http://www.cityofames.org)



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# Residential High Efficiency Air Conditioner (AC) Rebate

