

## Kane County's Guide to Energy Rebates and Incentives

Looking to save money on home improvements while making your home more energy-efficient? Kane County's Sustainability Manager, Sarra Hinshaw, has been hard at work uncovering rebates, discounts, and incentives that can help you reduce costs and make smarter energy choices.

Here's a quick breakdown of the available opportunities:

### Ways to Save Right Now

- **ComEd Customers:** Visit the [ComEd Rebates and Discounts](#) website for energy-efficient products you can use at home.
- **Nicor Customers:** Nicor offers free [Home Energy Assessments](#) and provides Water-Saving and Weatherization Kits to help you save even more.
- **More Resources:** Explore tools like the [Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency](#) or the [EnergyStar Rebate Finder](#) to uncover additional rebates and incentives.
- **Home Energy Tax Credits:** Did you know you can take advantage of tax credits for home energy improvements until 2032? The table below explains the available [IRA Home Energy Tax Credits](#), so you can plan your upgrades and maximize your savings.

Property or Improvement	Max. Amount	Minimum efficiency & other requirements
Oil furnace or hot water boiler	Up to \$600	<b>2023 - 2026:</b> 2021 Energy Star <sup>®</sup> and certified B20 compatible <b>2027 – 2031:</b> 90 AFUE and certified B50 compatible
Gas furnace or hot water boiler	Up to \$600	CEE highest efficiency tier (not including advanced tier) for year placed into service*
Oil or gas water heater	Up to \$600	CEE highest efficiency tier (not including advanced tier) for year placed into service*
Electric or Natural Gas Heat Pump	Up to \$2,000	CEE highest efficiency tier (not including advanced tier) for year placed into service*
Biomass (wood) stove	Up to \$2,000	Thermal efficiency rating of at least 75 percent
Central air conditioner	Up to \$600	CEE highest efficiency tier (not including advanced tier) for year placed into service*
Electric panel upgrade	Up to \$600	Must be needed for other efficiency improvements and be upgraded to at least 200 amps
Window or skylight	Up to \$600	Energy Star <sup>®</sup> Most Efficient
Exterior door	Up to \$250 (or \$500 for multiple)	Applicable Energy Star <sup>®</sup> requirements
Insulation material or system (includes air sealing)	Up to \$1,200	Must meet prescriptive criteria from most recent International Energy Conservation Code

## Kane County's Own Program

Kane County also offers its own energy efficiency program, [C-PACE](#) (**Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy**), which helps commercial property owners finance energy-efficient upgrades like HVAC systems, renewable energy installations, and more. Learn more about this program if you're a business owner looking to save on energy costs.

## Tools to Help You Save

- [Tax Credit Product Lookup Tool](#): The Department of Energy (DOE) recently launched this online resource to help you find eligible equipment for the new tax credits. Visit the [IRS website](#) for instructions and the application form 5695 for residential energy credits.
- **Upcoming Rebate Programs**: The U.S. Department of Energy has allocated \$263 million to Illinois to support two programs: [Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification & Appliance Rebates](#). While these programs haven't launched yet, Illinois plans to prioritize [low-income households](#) initially.

REBATES FOR QUALIFIED ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS	
Heat Pump HVAC	\$8,000
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$1,750
Electric Stove/Cooktop	\$840
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	\$840
Breaker Box	\$4,000
Electric Wiring	\$2,500
Weatherization Insulation, Air Sealing, Ventilation	\$1,600

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## Need Extra Help?

If you're planning a renovation or building a new home, consider working with [Sustained Ability](#), a residential “energy coach.” They can guide you through energy audits, help you work with contractors, and create a roadmap for future improvements—all aimed at saving you money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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## Kane County's Climate Action Plan

Small steps can lead to big savings and create greener homes. This ties directly to Kane County's [Climate Action Implementation Plan](#), which aims to improve community-wide energy efficiency for electricity and natural gas by 12% by 2030. A key part of this effort includes promoting existing incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy—like

insulation, energy-efficient windows, electric heat pumps, and solar panels—whether in new construction or retrofitting existing homes and businesses.

Learn more about Kane County's Sustainability efforts at

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