

# New Jersey Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

# 2011 Fact Sheet

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) offers "whole-house" solutions to reduce both your energy costs and carbon footprint. Installing energy efficient upgrades can save you up to 30% on energy costs and increase the comfort, safety, and durability of your home.

The HPwES Program is available to all New Jersey's natural gas and electric utility customers and, for a limited time, to municipal electric, oil, and propane customers, as well.

The first step is to schedule an assessment (audit) of your home's current conditions. A certified technician will conduct the audit, recommend energy efficiency upgrades, and explain the available HPwES financial incentives. A listing of HPwES participating contractors is available at

the New Jersey Clean Energy Program's website at <u>NJCleanEnergy.com/hp</u>. It is recommended that you contact several contractors before selecting one to install your upgrades.

The program offers generous incentives to homeowners based on the home's estimated total energy savings (TES) as a result of installing energy efficient measures. Your contractor uses the program software to calculate the natural gas and electricity energy savings as a percentage of your annual consumption, which is reflected on the printed Proposed Measures report from your contractor. If the percentage of savings achieves 25% or higher, the project qualifies for the \$4,000 rebate and the 0% interest financing. Ask your contractor about the additional 2011 Fall Discount.

REQUIREMENTS	CUSTOMER INCENTIVES
<b>10% TES or greater</b> : Install air sealing and/or insulation, with the option of installing hot water heater, duct sealing and/or duct insulation measures, with estimated TES of at least 10% and less than 20%.	<ul> <li>\$1,000 rebate, not to exceed 50% of the costs of the eligible measures used by your contractor to calculate TES.*</li> <li>For NJNG customers only: 0% interest repayment plan up to \$10,000</li> <li>\$500 Additional Fall Discount**</li> </ul>
<b>20% TES or greater:</b> Install air sealing, insulation, HVAC, hot water heater, and/or other eligible measures with estimated TES of at least 20% and less than 25%.	<ul> <li>\$3,000 rebate, not to exceed 50% of the costs of the measures used to calculate TES and</li> <li>0% interest loan or repayment plan up to \$10,000</li> <li>\$750 Additional Fall Discount**</li> </ul>
<b>25% TES or greater</b> : Install air sealing, insulation, HVAC, hot water heater, and/or other eligible measures with estimated TES of at least 25%.	<ul> <li>\$4,000 rebate, not to exceed 50% of the costs of the measures used to calculate TES and</li> <li>0% interest loan or repayment plan up to \$10,000</li> <li>\$1,000 Additional Fall Discount**</li> </ul>

# **2011 HPwES Incentives** for Single Family or Townhouse projects

\* Example; If your project achieved 10% TES and you paid \$2,500 for the eligible measures, you would receive a \$1,000 rebate; or, if you only paid \$1,700, you would receive a 50% rebate of \$850.

\*\* Projects must be enrolled in the HPwES Program no later than December 31, 2011, to qualify for the Fall Discount.

If you have already received a HPwES rebate for a particular property, you will only be eligible for additional incentives if you have not exceeded the above incentive caps. For details, see the Frequently Asked Questions at <u>NJCleanEnergy.com/hp</u>.

Loan & Repayment Options for Single Family or Townhouse projects

- **0% loan up to \$10,000 available through Energy Finance Solutions (EFS)**. To be eligible, your project <u>must achieve 20% TES or higher</u>. Applications are available at <u>www.energyfinancesolutions.com</u>.
- 0% On-bill Repayment Program (OBRP) up to \$10,000 available through New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG). To be eligible, you must be a NJNG customer and your project <u>must achieve 10% TES or higher</u>. NJNG OBRP applications are available through HPwES contractors.



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### **ELIGIBLE MEASURES**

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**Home Performance with ENERGY STAR**<sup>®</sup> is designed to transform the way energy efficiency services are delivered to existing 1-4 family homes and low-rise multifamily buildings. To qualify for cash incentives and financing options offered through the Program, the energy efficiency improvements must be installed by a BPI accredited contractor participating in the Program, must meet minimum efficiency requirements listed below and, one measure must be a major measure (furnace, boiler, insulation, water heater etc.). The minimum loan amount is \$2,500. A single measure or combination of measures from the following list can be financed, which the maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

Primary Heating System	Minimum Efficiency Requirements <sup>2</sup>
Furnace – Natural Gas/ Propane	AFUE 92.0%
Furnace- Oil	AFUE 85.0%
Boiler – Hot Water – Natural Gas/ Propane/ Oil	AFUE 85.0%
Boiler – Steam – Natural Gas/ Propane	AFUE 83.0%
Boiler - Steam - Oil	AFUE 85.0%
Air Source Heat Pump (electric split system) <sup>1</sup>	12.0 EER / 14.5 SEER / 8.5 HSPF
Air Source Heat Pump (gas-fired) <sup>1</sup>	1.2 COP (h) / 1.25 COP ©
Ground Source Heat Pump <sup>1</sup>	14.1 EER / 3.3 COP
Duct Sealing <sup>2</sup>	UL 181 B Mastic or other permanent sealant; use of tape is disallowed
Cooling Equipment	Minimum Efficiency Requirement <sup>2</sup>
Central Air Conditioner (split system)	14.5 SEER / 12.0 EER
Water Heater	Minimum Efficiency Requirement <sup>2</sup>
Tank- Natural Gas/ Propane	EF .62 power vent
On-demand- Natural Gas/ propane	EF .82(instantaneous water heaters)
Indirect-Fired Tank	Installed with qualifying boiler, at least 30 gal, R-16
Heat Pump Water Heaters	EF ≥2.0
Building Shell	Minimum Efficiency Requirements <sup>4</sup>
Insulation (attic, wall, floor, band joist, basement, crawl space)	State or local code and efficiency requirement
Air Sealing	Conducted by professional with blower door testing
Mechanical Ventilation	Minimum Efficiency Requirements
Exhaust Ventilation Fans	<b>ENERGY STAR</b> ENERGY STAR Qualified (must vent to exterior of building shell)
Heat/Energy Recovery Ventilator	
HVAC integrated with fan control and mechanical damper	No minimum efficiency requirement.
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	nd Safety Measures
Smoke Detectors, Radon Detectors, and Carbon Monoxide Detectors	These measures can be either hard wired or battery operated
Repairs/upgrades to venting systems and power venting kits	Per code and/or manufacturer specifications as appropriate
Measures to provide sufficient combustion air and prevent Combustion	Allowed when BPI-required combustion safety tests indicate problem(s)
Appliance Zone (CAZ) depressurization, spillage or inadequate draft.	with CAZ depressurization, draft or spillage, per BPI standards
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Vapor barriers	Minimum 6-mil plastic
Attic ventilation	Passive ventilation only
Fuel line leak repairs	
Clothes dryer venting	At least semi-rigid metal, vented to outside, R-7 in unconditioned space
	Vented to outside, pitched up to outside, R-7 in unconditioned space
Exhaust fan venting	vented to outside, pitched up to outside, K-7 in unconditioned space
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Duct Systems for warm air furnaces, heat pumps and central air conditioners should be tested and sealed to reduce leakage

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Requires submittal of AHRI Certificate, GAMMA Certificate, or an Energy Star listing as verification of system efficiency

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Requires BPI Heating Certification and submittal of pre & post duct pressurization and post system airflow testing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Requires BPI Shell Certification and submittal of pre & post blower door testing when required per BPI Standards



FINANCING OPTIONS

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR offers a 50% work scope incentive of up to \$4,000. The balance of the cost, up to \$10,000, can be financed at 0% interest rate but specific features and requirements vary. For the purpose of calculating the maximum financing amount, the contractor shall use the cost of the project minus any other available incentives such as manufacturer rebates and/or discounts.

## **QUALIFIED ACCESSORIES**

The costs associated with the installation of qualified accessories for Eligible Measures are eligible for incorporation into a 0% interest rate financing offered through the Program. These costs can also be included in the portion of the work scope being incentivized through the Home Performance work scope subsidy.

- **Qualified Eligible Accessories include**: hydronic distribution parts, ductwork, grills, diffusers, chimney liners, mechanical air cleaners, and programmable thermostats as part of an installation of a qualified central HVAC system. ICAT Rated Energy Star qualified recessed light fixtures as part of an eligible attic floor insulation upgrade. Service contracts and extended warranties are also eligible for incorporation into the financing and subsidy.
- Accessory items included in work scopes that involve fuel switching (for example electric baseboard heating to natural gas furnace) are eligible for incorporation into the financing and subsidy offered through the Program, provided the new heating system is installed through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, is an eligible measure. Examples of these fuel switching accessories are: gas main extensions, service laterals, and piping.
- Services associated with the eligible improvements (Home Energy Audit, blower door test) are eligible for incorporation into a reduced interest rate loan offered through the Program and the Home Performance work scope subsidy incentives. An accredited participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Contractor must perform these services.

The first \$2,000 of costs associated with any combination of the following measures is eligible for incorporation into the workscope.

- Asbestos abatement or electrical service upgrade necessary to install the new heating/cooling unit.
- Upgrade of knob and tube wiring in order to install insulation.
- Radon and lead abatement work.
- The cost of removing an oil tank is eligible when done in connection with a heating system replacement.
- Repairs to the home due to water damage, molds and mildew, ice dams or other symptoms of poor building performance, as long as the cause(s) of building performance-related damage are being addressed.

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