

# Agricultural rebates 2024 pre-approval application



Energy  
Efficiency  
Program

Complete pages one through three. All fields are required unless otherwise noted. Include all required documentation listed.

## Once you are done:

Mail or email your signed pre-approval application and supporting documentation to:

**Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program**  
122 Eisenhower Lane North  
Lombard, IL 60148

## Next steps:

Once your pre-approval application has been reviewed and approved, the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program will issue a formal preapproval notice that details the estimated rebate for your project.

After receiving the pre-approval notice, you may begin moving forward with the project.

If you have any questions, contact us at [eeinfo@nicorgas.com](mailto:eeinfo@nicorgas.com).

## ▶ Required documentation

- **Pre-approval application.** Verify that all fields on pages one through three are completed and that page three is signed by the applicant.
- **Cut sheet/matrix specification sheet.** Include a cut sheet or manufacturer specification sheet for all equipment being installed as part of the project.

## ▶ Account holder information

Nicor Gas account number	Please write the first 10 digits of your account number. Include any leading zeros, but do not include dashes.			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Business/Account holder name (must match Nicor Gas account)				
<input type="text"/>				
Installation address	City	State	ZIP code	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Is this a private or public (taxpayer-funded) facility?		Private	Public	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Project contact first name	Project contact last name			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Phone number	Email address			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

## ▶ Installing contractor information

Will this project be self-installed?  Yes  No

Contractor business name				
<input type="text"/>				
Contact first name	Contact last name			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Address	City	State	ZIP code	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Phone number	Email address			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

**Check one:**

Grain dryer tune-up

**Rebate calculator**

\$0.50 X  MBTUH

= \$   
capped at \$500 per dryer

**▶ Grain dryer project information**

Expected project completion date  Desired project start date

Total expected project cost  Expected rebate

Dryer manufacturer  Dryer model  Quantity to be serviced

Input capacity (MBTUH)  Number of bushels processed per year

**Grain dryer type:**  Continuous Mixed Flow Bin  Mixed Flow  
 High Temp Batch Bin  Continuous Cross-Flow  
 Cross-Flow Batch

**Eligibility requirements**

- The baseline condition of this measure is a commercial-grade grain dryer that has not been tuned-up within the past 12 months.
- Low Temperature Bin Dryers are not eligible for rebate.

**Check one:**

Greenhouse linkageless boiler controls

**Rebate calculator**

\$150 X  boilers

= \$

Greenhouse boiler O2 trim control

**Rebate calculator**

\$0.35 X  MBTUH

= \$   
capped at \$800

**▶ Greenhouse boiler project information**

Expected project completion date  Desired project start date

Total expected project cost  Expected rebate

Boiler manufacturer  Boiler model  Input capacity (MBTUH)

Est. age (yrs)

**Eligibility requirements**

**Linkageless boiler:**

- The baseline boiler utilizes single point positioning for the burner combustion control.
- The boiler burner must have a linkageless control system allowing the combustion air damper position to be adjusted and set for optimal efficiency at several firing rates throughout the burner's firing range. This requires the fuel valve and combustion air damper to each be powered by a separate actuator. An alternative to the combustion air damper is a Variable Speed Drive on the combustion air fan.

**Boiler O2 trim control:**

- The baseline boiler utilizes single point positioning for the burner combustion control.
- The boiler burner must have an oxygen control system allowing the combustion air to be adjusted to maintain a predetermined excess oxygen level in the flue exhaust at all firing rates throughout the burner's firing range. This requires an oxygen sensor in the flue exhaust and linkageless fuel valve and combustion air controls.

**Check one:**

Greenhouse infrared film

**Rebate calculator**

\$0.10 **x**  (sq. ft.)

= \$   
capped at \$10,000

▶ **Greenhouse infrared film project information**

Expected project completion date  Desired project start date

Total expected project cost  Expected rebate

Greenhouse area to be covered (sq. ft.)   
(sq. ft.)

**Eligibility requirements**

- This measure is for greenhouses only.
- Greenhouse must be constructed with polyethylene roof glazing construction and no infrared film to qualify.
- The film must be installed on the inner lay of the roof glazing.

**Check one:**

Greenhouse heat curtain

**Rebate calculator**

\$0.25 **x**  (sq. ft.)

= \$   
capped at \$2,500

\*per square foot of greenhouse floor area, constitutes all floor space under the thermal curtains, including pathways and growing canopy.

▶ **Greenhouse heat curtain project information**

Expected project completion date  Desired project start date

Total expected project cost  Expected rebate

Greenhouse area to be covered (sq. ft.)   
(sq. ft.)

**Eligibility requirements**

- This measure is for greenhouses only.
- Greenhouse must be constructed of polyethylene glazing and no thermal curtain.
- Must be installed on single zone heating systems.

▶ **Applicant signature**

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the following pages. I certify that the information I have provided in this application and attachment(s) is true and correct, and request consideration for participation in the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. I certify that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the account holder/installation site noted above.

Applicant name (print)  Email address  Phone number

Applicant signature  Date

# Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program rebate terms and conditions

## Participant eligibility

You are eligible to participate in the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program ("the program") if you are a current Nicor Gas:

- Commercial customer and complete qualifying services or complete installation of qualifying equipment/products in a non-residential space with an active Nicor Gas account when the installation/improvement was completed.
- Customers as outlined in Section 8-104(m) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act are ineligible to participate in Nicor Gas energy efficiency offerings. More specifically, those customers are described as customers that have a North American Industry Classification System code number that is 22111 or any such code number beginning with the digits 31, 32, or 33 and (i) annual usage in the aggregate of 4 million therms or more within the Nicor Gas territory or with aggregate usage of 8 million therms or more in Illinois; or (ii) using natural gas as feedstock and meeting the usage requirements described in item (i) of subsection (m), to the extent such annual feedstock usage is greater than 60% of the customer's total annual usage of natural gas.

## OR

- Residential customer in a multi-family building that has permanent or semi-permanent residents. Multi-family buildings have three or more units and are limited to apartments, condominiums, assisted living facilities and retirement communities.

## Installation requirements

Your installation of qualifying high-efficiency natural gas equipment/products or completion of a qualifying service is eligible for a rebate if:

- It meets all specific energy efficiency and program requirements outlined in this application.
- The equipment/product is purchased new. Resale equipment/products, new parts installed in existing equipment/products, or equipment/products that are leased, rebuilt, rented, received from insurance or warranty claims or won as a prize do not qualify.
- Natural gas equipment/product replacing electric equipment/product and electric equipment/product replacing natural gas equipment/product is not eligible.
- For existing facilities, the qualifying natural gas equipment/product installed is replacing existing natural gas equipment/product used for the same purpose.
- For new facilities, including new construction and projects involving a major remodel or demolition and renovation, qualifying equipment/product must meet all other program qualifications.
- It is installed or the service is completed by a qualified individual, compliant with all applicable building, local and state codes and manufacturer specifications. Installations must adhere to applicable environmental, health and safety regulations, and the equipment/product must be properly ventilated (if applicable). Professional installation is not required but is strongly recommended to ensure the efficient and proper functioning of equipment/product.
- The equipment/product is installed and operational and the service was completed at the address listed on the application prior to submittal of this application.
- It is installed or completed in a property owned by the applicant, or the applicant has received permission from the property owner to install the equipment/product or complete the qualifying service. The applicant's signature on the application and/or invoice indicates that the appropriate permission has been obtained.
- It is purchased and installed or service is completed between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

## Application requirements

To be considered complete and eligible for rebates, all applications must:

- Be postmarked or submitted online no later than 90 days after the installation date, or by January 31, 2025, whichever comes first.
- Include itemized contractor invoice(s) or proof of purchase receipt(s) consisting of:
  - Contractor name, address and phone number
  - Business/account holder name and installation address
  - Installation date (clearly labeled)
  - Type of equipment, manufacturer, model and serial number
  - Total installed cost (itemized by each piece of qualifying equipment)
  - Proof of payment or payment terms (for example: balance due of zero, financing terms or paid-in-full stamp)
- Include all required supporting documentation.
- Meet instant discount requirements, if applicable.
- Be signed by the Nicor Gas account holder unless the rebate is being made payable to a Contractor Circle installing member.
- Use separate applications if applying for products installed by different contractors.

Online applications must be:

- Submitted online at [nicorgas.com/apply](https://nicorgas.com/apply)
- Accompanied by a copy of the required contractor invoice(s) or receipt(s) and other required documentation.

## Payee information

- The program allows the rebate check to be made payable to one of the following: Nicor Gas account holder, landlord or current Contractor Circle installing member.
- If you are the account holder and want the rebate check to be made payable to you, please complete the rebate application, provide the required supporting documentation listed on the rebate application and sign as the "Applicant."
- In the event a rebate check made payable to the account holder remains uncashed for longer than 90 days, Nicor Gas reserves the right to cancel the check and credit the account holder's active natural gas account.
- To have the check made payable to the landlord (who is not the account holder) or the installing contractor (i.e., a Contractor Circle installing member who provided the rebate as an instant discount), please review all requirements for applications submitted by a landlord or contractor.

- To receive a rebate you must not have received/will not receive a rebate for the same equipment, product or service from more than one Illinois investor-owned utility or third-party energy efficiency program offering rebates or financing funded with ratepayer funds, with the exception of qualifying joint ComEd/Nicor Gas rebate offers.

## Contractor Circle installing member instant discount requirements

Rebates being paid directly to the installing contractor must meet the following requirements:

- Instant discounts may only be offered by current Contractor Circle installing members that meet all program requirements.
- Contractor must submit:
  - A contractor signed rebate application with "Contractor Circle installing member" selected as the payee.
  - Any additional required documentation for the specific measure/service installed.
  - A copy of the customer-signed invoice showing the rebate amount deducted from the total purchase price and clearly labeled as a Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program rebate. The customer's signature on the invoice verifies that the qualifying equipment/product was/were installed, the customer received an instant discount and allows the release of the rebate payment to the contractor.
- Contractor Circle installing members must verify customer, equipment/product and installation or service eligibility prior to providing an instant discount. The contractor assumes all liability by providing the rebate as an instant discount.
- A customer may be contacted by Nicor Gas to verify any of the information provided on the rebate application or invoice prior to payment of a rebate to a contractor for an instant discount.
- Any dispute from a customer regarding receipt of a rebate as an instant discount will be investigated by Nicor Gas, and contractor payees are subject to payment adjustments in the event a customer has not received the full and correct rebate amount as an instant discount.
- Contractor Circle installing members are responsible for providing the full and correct rebate amount for qualifying equipment or products.
- The online instant discount application is limited to Contractor Circle installing members. Contractors should visit [nicorgas.com/installer](https://nicorgas.com/installer) for more information or to enroll.

## Landlord participant requirements

If you are applying for a rebate for a property you own, but the Nicor Gas account is in your tenant's name, your rebate application must show:

- Tenant's (customer's) Nicor Gas account number, name and address.
- The appropriate box checked for the rebate to be paid to the landlord, with full name or business name in the proper fields.

By signing the application, the landlord represents that the account holder has agreed to release payment of the rebate to the landlord.

## Program terms and conditions

- Funds are limited and applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Program is subject to change and may end without prior notice.
- Please allow approximately six to eight weeks for processing of any rebates.
- Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Failure to complete the rebate application in full and provide the required supporting documentation will either delay the payment process or result in your application being denied.
- Maintain a copy of your rebate application and all supporting documentation. The program is not responsible for items (i.e., rebate applications, supporting documentation and/or rebate checks) lost or damaged in the mail.
- Contractor Circle installing members are eligible to have the rebate signed over to them. Contractors receiving rebates are not eligible for any other incentives for the same services or products.
- If you do not own the property where the equipment or product is installed or the service provided, as a tenant, you are responsible for obtaining the property owner's permission to provide the service or to install the equipment/product for which you are applying for a rebate. Your submission of this application indicates that you have obtained permission.
- Rebate incentives may not exceed the total purchase price of the installed equipment, product or services. Only materials, equipment, product and external labor costs are eligible.
- All equipment or product installations are subject to verification by the program to ensure that the equipment/product installed or service completed meets the program requirements.
- Participants must allow, if requested, the program (or a program representative) reasonable access to their facility to verify that the equipment/product is installed and operating or that the service has been performed.
- Participants may be contacted by an evaluator to verify the equipment/product installation or services, or be asked to complete a customer survey. If contacted, your participation is required.
- Nicor Gas, its officers, employees, contractors and program administrators disclaim any and all liability, loss or damage and make no guarantees related to:
  - Participation in the program, including use or installation of the product(s)/equipment or receipt of services
  - Loss or delay of rebate check in the mail
  - Any taxes that may be imposed as a result of participation in the program
- Payments made to contractors, commercial customers or landlords may be taxable under federal and state tax codes. If payments total more than \$600 per calendar year, they will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Nicor Gas is not responsible for providing advice regarding any taxes that may be imposed as a result of participation in the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. Participants should consult a tax accountant or advisor regarding potential tax liability. Nicor Gas is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed on your business as a result of these payments.