

Commercial food service 2026 Commercial rebate application



Energy
Efficiency
Program

Rebates for qualifying equipment, products or services installed between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

Rebates are available to Nicor Gas commercial customers who have natural gas distributed by Nicor Gas and have one of the following rate classes:

- Private sector
- Public sector

Note: Certain large industrial customers are not eligible.

Get ready:

Review all eligibility requirements and terms and conditions. Collect all required information to complete your application.

Get started:

Submit within 90 days of installation/service, or by January 31, 2027, whichever comes first.

Apply online at nicorgas.com/apply

OR download and mail completed and signed application, invoice and supporting documents to:

Nicor Gas
Attn. Energy Efficiency 26-59063
P.O. Box 540071
El Paso, TX 88554-0071

Get your rebate:

Rebates are delivered in six to eight weeks when a complete application and all required documents are received and approved for a rebate qualifying product.

► Account holder information (as it appears on Nicor Gas bill/account)

Nicor Gas account number List first 10 digits of the account number, including any leading zeros but no dashes.

Business/account holder name

Business/account address (must match install address) City State ZIP code

Additional information if applicable (school district, store number, etc.)

► Account holder site contact information

Contact first name Contact last name

Contact title

Phone number Email address

Please check below to identify account holder funding type.

☐ **Privately funded**

- ☐ Business independently owned with less than 10 locations
(check if applicable)

☐ **Publicly funded** (taxpayer)

Please select the public sector class.

- ☐ Local government
☐ Federal
☐ State

To check the status of your rebate, visit nicorgas.com/status.

Need help? Call us at **877.886.4239** (Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or email eeinfo@nicorgas.com

General contractor can be any company managing the project. This may include a general contractor, engineering firm, architectural firm, distributor, manufacturer, rebate processor, ESCO, etc.

Installing or sub contractors are the ones who performed the work or service.

► General contractor information (if applicable)

General contractor business name			
Contact first name		Contact last name	
Address	City	State	ZIP code
Phone number		Email address	

► Installing/Sub contractor information

☐ Installed by facility staff¹
(if checked, provide your company information below)

Contractor business name (as it appears on invoice or receipt)

Contact first name		Contact last name	
Address	City	State	ZIP code
Phone number	Email address		

¹For self-installations, the account holder/customer is responsible for ensuring the qualifying product(s) are installed according to all applicable building, local and state codes and manufacturer specifications. Nicor Gas does not assume any responsibility for the quality or safety of any installation.

► Rebate check

Make check payable to (select one)

☐ Account holder (Checks will be made payable to the account holder name on the Nicor Gas bill)

Mailing address (if different than installation address)	City	State	ZIP code

☐ Landlord (landlord/business property name)

Attention to

Mailing address (if different than installation address)	City	State	ZIP code

☐ Contractor Circle installing member
(11 digit ID number required if contractor offered rebate as an instant discount)

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► **Building type** *(please select only one building type)*

Select the building type that best describes the location where the equipment was installed or services were performed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly (theater, hall, arena) | <input type="checkbox"/> Office - high-rise (10+ floors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto dealership | <input type="checkbox"/> Office - mid-rise (5-9 floors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience | <input type="checkbox"/> Office - low-rise (up to 4 floors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Public municipal library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug store | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency services | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail - department store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail - strip mall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> School - college/university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> School - elementary school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel (guest room only) | <input type="checkbox"/> School - high school/junior high |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel (common area only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/motel (common area/guest room) | Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing facility | |

For hospitals and high-rise offices, please specify HVAC system type:

- ☐ CAV, no economizer ☐ VAV, economizer ☐ CAV, economizer ☐ FCU

Ventilation system type	Abbreviation
Constant air volume ventilation (CAV), no economizer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not contain variable frequency drives or variable air volume dampersCannot use an economizer for free cooling, likely to be an older system	CAV, no econ
Constant air volume ventilation (CAV) with economizer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not contain variable frequency drives or variable air volume dampersSystem has the ability to use an economizer for free cooling	CAV, econ
Variable air volume ventilation (VAV) with economizer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contains variable frequency drives or variable air volume dampersSystem has the ability to use an economizer for free cooling	VAV, econ
Fan coil unit (FCU) for ventilation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Has units that consist of a heating or cooling coil and a fanEach fan coil unit serves the space where it is installed or multiple spaces	FCU

Product information

Provide the following information for the equipment installed (as listed on invoice). Verify your invoice/receipt is legible and includes all the information listed on page five. If any information is illegible or missing, contact your contractor to get the correct information before submitting your application. Incorrect or missing information will delay processing your rebate. **If you are applying for more than one type of product or equipment rebate, complete and submit additional copies of applicable pages as needed.**

Check one:	Rebate
<input type="checkbox"/> Conveyor oven width ≥ 25 inches	\$1,000 per deck
<input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR® combination oven	\$900 per deck
<input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR convection oven	\$150 per oven
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotisserie oven	\$500 per oven
<input type="checkbox"/> Double rack oven	\$700 per oven

► Ovens

Install date

Total installed cost* (per oven)

Manufacturer

Model

Quantity (of ovens/decks)

Eligibility requirements

Conveyor ovens

- Cooking efficiency ≥ 42% using ASTM standard F1817. Must have an idle energy consumption rate ≤ 57,000 Btu/h.
- Number of decks is determined by the manufacturer and model number.
- Rebates are paid per deck, based on conveyor width.
- Rebates for multi-deck ovens are paid per qualifying deck.

ENERGY STAR certified combination ovens

- ENERGY STAR certified natural gas combination oven with steam oven cooking efficiency ≥ 41% and convection mode cooking efficiency ≥ 56%.

ENERGY STAR certified convection ovens

- ENERGY STAR certified with a cooking efficiency ≥ 46% using ASTM standard 1496.
- Must have an idle energy consumption rate ≤ 12,000 Btu/h.

Rotisserie ovens

- Efficient natural gas fired high-efficiency rotisserie ovens using infrared burners or design approaches that combine radiative heat exchangers and convection heating are eligible.

Double rack oven

- Baking energy efficiency ≥ 50% using ASTM standard 2093.
- Rebate paid per oven.

Check one:	Rebate
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrared charbroiler	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrared salamander broiler	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrared upright broiler	\$500

► Broilers

Install date

Total installed cost* (per broiler)

Manufacturer

Model

Quantity (of broilers)

Eligibility requirements

- Must use infrared burners.

Check one:**Rebate**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR® certified commercial steamer | \$950 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR certified fryer, width < 18 inches | \$400 per vat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR fryer width ≥ 18 inches | \$400 per vat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENERGY STAR griddle | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta cooker | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-rinse spray valve | \$25 |

Restaurant type (select one):

- ☐ Cafeteria
☐ Fast food/small restaurant
☐ Mid-sized restaurant

► Other kitchen equipment

Install date

Total installed cost* (per product)

Manufacturer

Model

Quantity (of equipment or number of vats)

Eligibility requirements**ENERGY STAR certified commercial steamers**

- ENERGY STAR certified with a cooking efficiency ≥ 38%.
- Five- and six-pan units are eligible.

ENERGY STAR certified fryers

- ENERGY STAR certified with a heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50% using ASTM standard F1361 or F2144.
- Rebate is paid per vat, based on vat width.

ENERGY STAR certified griddles

- ENERGY STAR certified with a heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 38% using ASTM standard F1275.
- Idle energy consumption rate < 2,600 Btu/hr per square foot of cooking surface.

Pasta cooker

- Must be a dedicated pasta cooker as determined by the manufacturer.

Pre-rinse spray valves

- Spray valves must be installed in commercial kitchens.
- New spray valves must have a flow rate ≤ 0.98 gpm at 60 psi.
- Only single-valve sprayers are eligible.
- Domestic hot water must be gas heated.

► Attach supplemental documents

Don't forget to submit a legible copy of the itemized invoice(s) or proof of purchase which must include:

- ☐ Contractor name, address and phone number
- ☐ Account holder/business name, address and phone number (as it appears on the Nicor Gas bill/account))
- ☐ Date installed and operational (clearly labeled)
- ☐ Type of equipment, manufacturer, model and serial number
- ☐ Total installed cost (itemized by each piece of rebate-qualifying equipment/service)
- ☐ Proof of payment or payment terms (for example: balance due of zero, paid-in-full stamp or financing terms)

For Contractor Circle installing members providing the rebate as an instant discount:

- ☐ Show the full and correct rebate amount deducted from the purchase price, clearly labeled as a Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program rebate. Other discounts or rebates unrelated to Nicor Gas must be shown as a separate line item.
- ☐ Customer signature and date on the receipt/invoice showing they received the rebate as the instant discount. If you are not able to get the customer signature on the final receipt/invoice, have the customer complete the commercial invoice checklist, sign and submit with the application and final receipt/invoice.

Contractor Circle members offering the rebate as an instant discount should sign the applicant section and submit the customer signature on the invoice or checklist, showing they received the rebate as an instant discount.

► Applicant information and signature

The individual/company requesting the rebate should complete this section. For example: An account holder applying for the rebate, a landlord who paid for the work or a Contractor Circle member who provided the rebate as an instant discount.

Note: Contractor Circle members providing the rebate as an instant discount must also submit the account holders signature on the receipt/invoice or the commercial invoice checklist, showing they received the rebate as an instant discount.

With my signature below, I hereby certify that:

1. The energy-efficient product, equipment or service was paid for as reflected on the invoice, is installed and is operational.
2. The information provided in the application and supporting documents is accurate and complete.
3. I have read and understand the terms and conditions included within this document.
4. All rules of this rebate program have been followed. Equipment/service has met all product eligibility requirements and the terms and conditions within this document.
5. I understand that rebates are based upon eligibility and verification of information provided in this application and supporting documents, and are subject to funding availability.

Applicant name (print)

Title

Phone number

Email address

Applicant signature

Date

*The total installed cost includes the sum of all equipment/services provided and external labor. The invoice must be itemized to include a line item showing the cost for each rebate-qualifying piece of equipment/service. If self-installed, only the cost of the equipment should be provided on the application and a receipt(s) for the equipment/supplies should be submitted with application.

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.

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, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

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, 2027, whichever comes first.
- Include include 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
- 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 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 \$2,000 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.