

# 2026 Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program Overview

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# Agenda

- Program achievements and highlights
- Territory map and funding
- 2025 Closeout schedule
- 1099
- Nicor Gas and Trade Ally Website
- Contractor Circle
- Energy Efficiency Loans (OBF)
- Residential Rebates
- Commercial and Multi-family Rebates and Incentives
- Emerging Technology
- Income Eligible

# Program Achievements and Highlights

# Program Achievements



## Impact to date

Since 2011, nearly 1.46 million customers have participated



Saved more than 271 million therms



Total savings are equivalent to the energy used by 190,000 homes in a year\*

# Program Highlights

A few important reminders for 2026:

## Program year

Jan. 1 – Dec. 31,  
2026

## Program cycle year

1<sup>st</sup> year of a four-  
year cycle

## All Customers

Residential,  
Multi-family and  
Commercial  
Private, public and  
income-eligible  
customers

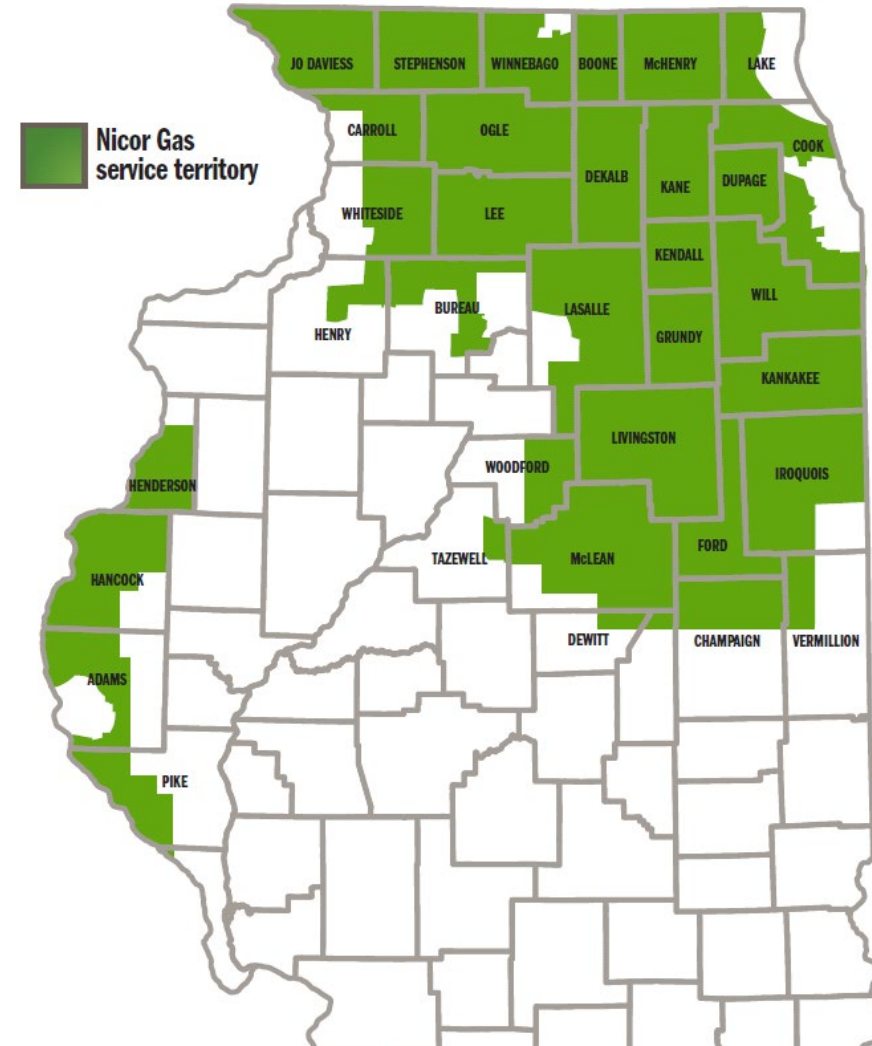
Note: Rebates are subject to change at any time

# Program Territory and Funding



# Nicor Gas Territory

- 2.3 million customers
  - 2.1 million residential
  - 200,000 commercial
- 650 communities served
- 34,000 mile distribution system



# Utility Rebates


## Why do utilities provide rebates?

- Mandated by state law
- Funded by customers
- Goal is to save energy and money for all customers

## How long have utilities been offering these rebates?

- Gas utilities offered for 15 years (started 2011)
- Electric utilities offered this for 18 years (started 2008)

COMMERCIAL (example)			MONTHLY
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS	61,728.80	.0211	1,302.48
FRANCHISE COST ADJUSTMENT			.89



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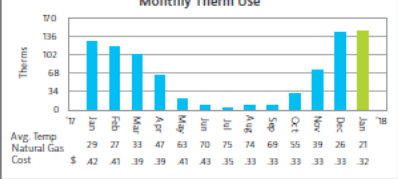
**Account Summary for Sample Residential Customer**  
 Account Number: 99-99-99-9999 9  
 Meter Number: 0000000  
 Service Address: 123 Street Address, Anytown  
 Bill Period: 12/30/17 - 01/28/18 (29 days)  
 Bill Issue Date: 01/28/18  
 Total Previous Balance \$84.40  
 Payment Received 01/13/2018 - Thank you! -\$84.40  
 Remaining Balance \$0.00  
 New Charges - Utility \$80.90  
**Total Amount Due by 02/19/18 \$80.90**

**A Message for You**  
 Your safety is important to us. Ask to see an employee ID when our field team is working in or around your premises. Also, verify your account information with customer service before making a transaction over the phone.

**Monthly Energy Profile**  

Current Reading 01/28/18 (Estimated)	Previous Reading 12/19/17 (Actual)	Usage CCF 142	BTU Factor 1.020	Therms 144.84	Avg Daily Therms 2017 4.05	Avg Daily Therms 2018 4.99
3699	3557					

CCF x BTU Factor = Therms



Therms

Avg Temp Natural Gas Cost


Month	2017	2018
Jan	29	42
Feb	27	41
Mar	33	39
Apr	47	39
May	63	41
Jun	70	43
Jul	75	45
Aug	74	33
Sep	69	33
Oct	55	33
Nov	39	33
Dec	26	33
Jan	21	32

**New Charges - Residential - Heat**  
 Rate 1: Residential Service  
**Delivery Charges 12/30/2017 - 01/28/2018 \$27.11**  
 Monthly Customer Charge 15.28  
 All Therms 144.84 @ \$0.0589 = 8.53  
 Environmental Cost Recovery 9.99 @ \$0.73 = 0.07  
 Environmental Cost Recovery 134.85 @ \$0.79 = 1.07  
**Efficiency Program 144.84 @ \$0.0110 1.59**

**Natural Gas Cost \$46.45**  
 December @ 9.99 Therms x \$0.33 3.30  
 January @ 134.85 Therms x \$0.32 43.15  
**Taxes \$7.34**  
 Municipal Utility Tax for Anytown \$73.56 @ 5.15% \$3.79  
 Utility Fund Tax \$73.56 @ 0.1% 0.07  
 State Revenue Tax 144.84 @ \$0.024 = 3.48  
**Total \$80.90**

Please see the reverse side of this bill for additional billing explanations.

Please do not include written inquiries as the stub is processed by machine. Return this portion with your check made payable to Nicor Gas.


 P.O. Box 2020  
 Aurora, IL 60507-2020

Please circle an amount to add a one-time charitable donation to Sharing:  
 \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50

To sign up for the Budget Plan, pay \$45.00

**Payment due by 02/19/2018 \$80.90**

Account Number: 99-99-99-9999 0  
 Current bill \$80.90 due by 02/19/2018

Sample Customer  
 123 Street Address  
 Anytown, IL 60152-3220

PO BOX 5407  
 Carol Stream, IL 60197-5407

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 YYNNN 0190 000128

# 2025 Closeout Schedule

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## Equipment/product rebate application deadlines

December 1, 2025

- Online rebate portal Closed for Maintenance until January 2, 2026
- **2025 application will be accepted from January 2 to January 31, 2026**

December 31, 2025

- Equipment must be installed and operational to qualify for 2025 rebates

January 1, 2026

- New program year begins
- 2026 applications and brochures available on our website and TA page
- Online applications live on January 2

January 31, 2026

- **Final day to submit online or mail-in applications for equipment installed in 2025**

### Important note:

Please apply soon after installation and respond quickly to requests for addition information

# 1099 Update

# 1099s from Nicor Gas

- The IRS considers certain rebate program incentives to be taxable income
- Per federal law, 1099s must be issued annually for incentive payments totaling **\$2,000** or more in a calendar year starting in 2026
- This may impact anyone who receives program incentives totaling **\$2,000** or more in any calendar year, such as:
  - Businesses and landlords receiving incentives
  - Contractors who provide rebate as an instant discounts

# 1099s from Nicor Gas

## Who's exempt?

- Residential customers
- Some types of corporations
- Customers or contractors whose total incentives in a calendar year are less than **\$2000**

## Important note:

- Consult your tax advisor or accountant for more details on IRS tax laws
- Please respond promptly to any information requests from our team

# Nicor Gas and Trade Ally Website Updates



# Rebate Information

**nicorgas.com**  
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## Residential

Nicor Gas operates and maintains natural gas pipes, reads meters and distributes natural gas to certified marketers. Find information about how to Manage Your Account, Pricing and Rate Plans, Billing and Payment Options, Ways to Save, Energy Efficiency Programs, and Natural Gas Vehicles.

[Learn More](#)

Manage Your Account >

Pricing & Rate Plans >

Billing and Payment Options >

**Ways to Save >**

Find a Contractor

Fuel for Life

**Rebates >**

Energy Efficiency Loans

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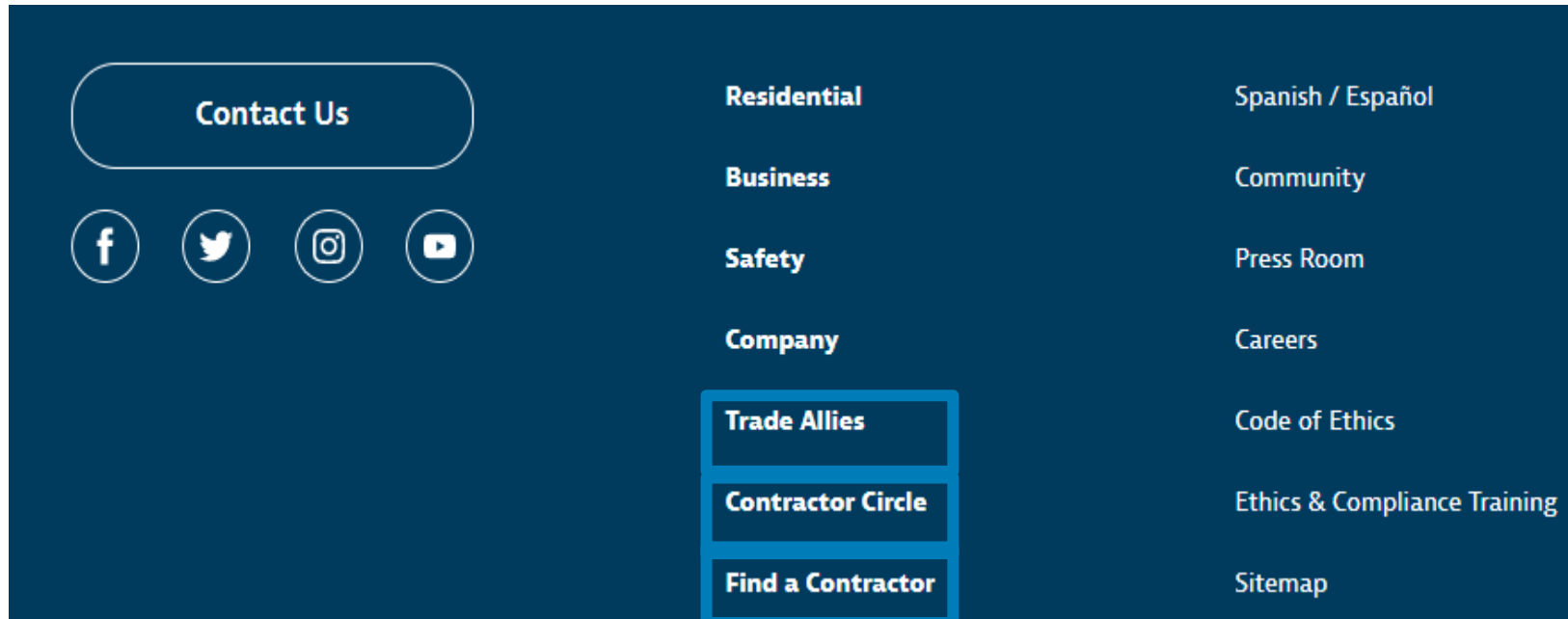
Energy Saving Tips

Appliances

Find a Contractor

# Trade Ally Website Updates

- Bottom banner of **EVERY** page on nicorgas.com
  - Trade Allies
  - Contractor Circle
  - Find a Contractor



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## Trade Allies

When you partner with Nicor Gas, your customers benefit and so can your business.

### What's New

3.3x

Natural gas is 3.3x more affordable than electricity and significantly more affordable than several other residential energy sources for the same amount of energy delivered.



### Contact Our Team!

If you have any questions about our programs or rebates and incentives, we can help you through it! We are happy to visit you in person or virtually to provide a program overview for you and your team.






Click below to request a meeting!

[Request a meeting](#)






# Trade Ally Website Updates

Trade Ally Documents (apps, checklists, case studies and more!)

## Forms and Resource Documents

 Residential	+
 Commercial, and Multi-family	+
 Contractor Circle members	+
 Qualifying Product Lists (QPLs)	+
 On-Bill Financing (Energy Efficiency Loans)	+

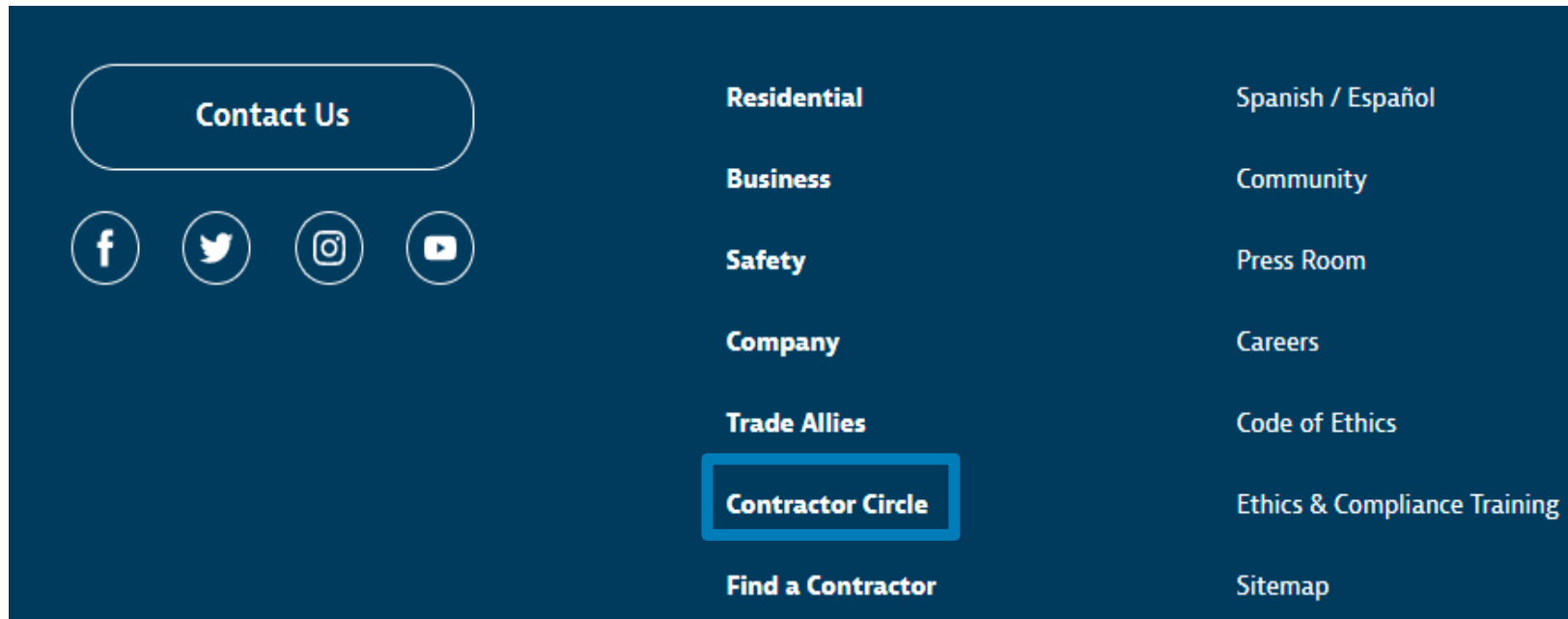
## Training, Tech and Industry News

 Trainings and Workshops	+
 NEW! - Gas Heat Pumps	+
 Emerging Technology (ETP) whitepapers	+
 Trade Ally Newsletters	+
 Natural Gas Fact Sheets and Videos	+

# Contractor Circle

# Trade Ally Website Updates

- Bottom banner of **EVERY** page (see below)
  - Trade Allies
  - **Contractor Circle**
  - Find a Contractor - one of most visited pages



# Contractor Circle Membership



## Contractor Circle installing members (CCim)

- Trade allies that install rebate-qualifying products or services



## Contractor Circle supplier members (CCsm)

- Non-installing trade allies supporting the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program
  - Provide products, services, or support our programs in some other way
  - Distributors, equipment manufacturers, tool manufacturers, training companies, etc.

- Free to join
- Apply on our website



# Contractor Circle Installing Member Requirements

## Per program year:

- Install Nicor Gas rebate-qualifying products or services
- Complete a minimum of five paid prescriptive/open network rebate projects or one paid custom project
- Remain in good standing with the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program
  - Equipment and customer meet eligibility requirements
  - Provide information to program team as needed
  - Represent program fairly and accurately
  - Provide excellent customer service
  - Perform quality installations





# Contractor Circle Member Benefits

## Benefits and requirements are the same for 2026





- Listed on the Find a Contractor directory
- Offer rebate as an instant discount to customers
- Offer On-Bill Financing - must be approved
- Use the Contractor Circle logo (approval required)
- Order free, customizable marketing materials
- Early previews of new program information
- Access the online instant discount application portal
  - Prepopulates company info, qualifying products list (QPL), direct deposit



# Trade Ally Website Updates

## Find a Contractor Tool

Help me find a contractor for my

 Home <input checked="" type="radio"/>	 Commercial Property <input type="radio"/>
 Multi-Family Property <input type="radio"/>	 Industrial/Manufacturing Facility <input type="radio"/>

Select Equipment / Improvement

Furnaces ▼

Enter Zip Code

60648

Search

[Or search by Contractor Name](#)

# Find a Contractor

Company Name ↕	Website	Phone Number	Offers On-Bill Financing ↕
Cottage Sheet Metal LLC	<a href="http://cottagesheetmetal.com">cottagesheetmetal.com</a>	(708) 599-2992	No
All - Star Mechanical Services	<a href="http://all-starair.com">all-starair.com</a>	(847) 641-1200	No
Ibbotson Heating Company	<a href="http://ibbotsonheating.com">ibbotsonheating.com</a>	(847) 253-0866	No
Leslie Heating & Cooling Inc	<a href="http://leslierepair.com">leslierepair.com</a>	(630) 985-9800	No
Unique Indoor Comfort - Chicagoland	<a href="http://chicagolandunique.com/index.shtml">chicagolandunique.com/index.shtml</a>	(847) 559-9777	No
Air-Rite Heating & Cooling Inc	<a href="http://air-rite.com">air-rite.com</a>	(630) 966-8100	✓ Yes
Fricold Heating & Cooling	<a href="http://fricold.com">fricold.com</a>	(708) 681-1222	No
Smart Solutions Heating and Cooling Inc		(708) 539-7933	No
Bloomington Heating & Air Conditioning	<a href="http://bloomingtonhvac.com">bloomingtonhvac.com</a>	(630) 581-8000	✓ Yes
Van Drunen Heating Inc	<a href="http://vandrunenheating.com">vandrunenheating.com</a>	(708) 339-6444	✓ Yes

# Energy Efficiency Loans (On-Bill Financing (OBF))

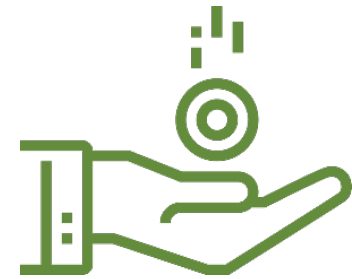
# Energy Efficiency Loans (On-Bill Financing)

- Joint program with all Illinois utilities
- Energy Finance Solutions (EFS) will continue as program lender
- Contractors must apply to become OBF approved
  - Must be Contractor Circle installing member
  - Must meet all OBF eligibility requirements
  - If you were OBF approved, it rolls over to following year (assuming all other requirements are met)
- No application fee to apply for Contractor Circle or OBF



# Energy Efficiency Loan Highlights

- Residential, small business and multi-family qualify
- Only Nicor Gas rebate qualifying equipment and upgrades are eligible
- Loan repaid through monthly utility bill (start within 1-3 billing cycles)
- **7.74% interest rate- Effective December 1, 2025** (down from 8.24%)
- 1, 3, 5, 7\* or 10\* years (depending on loan amount)
  - *Only available for loans greater than \$8,000*
- Loan amounts
  - \$500 - \$20,000 for residential customers
  - \$500 - \$150,000 for multi-family and small business customers
- No application fees
- No partial payments outside of regular installment payment but can be paid off in full at any time with no penalty
- [energyfinaancesolutions.com](https://energyfinaancesolutions.com)



**Contact:**

Energy Finance Solutions (EFS)

877.923.2665

[efs@energyfinaancesolutions.com](mailto:efs@energyfinaancesolutions.com)

# **Prescriptive Rebate Highlights**

## **Residential, multi-family, & commercial**

# Standard or Prescriptive Rebate Highlights

## Customer Eligibility

- Must be a Nicor Gas customer in good standing

## Product Eligibility

- Product listed on Qualifying Products List (QPL's)
- Meets Eligibility requirements and Terms and Conditions found on Application
  - **Brochures** - measures and rebate amounts
  - **Applications** - all details- Eligibility requirements and T and C's

## Application details

- Apply within 90 days or by January 31, 2027, whichever comes first
- Note: Rebates are subject to change at anytime, so watch for updates**

## Open Contractor Network

- Any contractor can install (no approval needed) and customer applies for rebate
- Note: Contractors need approval to participate in some programs (e.g. closed network, Income-Eligible, etc.)*





# ICC Certification

The Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) went into effect on January 1, 2018 and is **an electric utility law.**

- Contractors are NOT required to be ICC certified to offer Nicor Gas rebates

# Residential Offerings

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## Home assessments (self assessment)

### Rebates

- Smart thermostats
- Furnaces, boilers, combi boilers, tankless water heaters, pool covers, **NEW- storage water heaters**
- Weatherization
  - Air sealing and insulation, duct sealing, window inserts, **NEW- high performance windows**
- Residential new construction

### Free products (customers can order)

### Energy Efficiency Loans



# Home Energy Assessments

- Assessments
  - Online self-assessment for all market rate customers
    - » New- HomeBoost – infrared camera phone hookup for \$25 copay
  - In-person assessment – **Income Eligible only**
- Free and/or discounted energy-saving products including (installed or via a self install kit):
  - WaterSense® certified showerheads and faucet aerators
  - Pipe insulation
  - Programmable or smart thermostats (co-pay for Market Rate; free installation option)
  - Door sweeps
- Recommendations provided
- **Opportunity for YOUR COMPANY to do the recommended work!**

Customers can call 855.660.9378 or visit [eesavings.com](https://eesavings.com)



# Residential Rebates

Product	2026
Smart Thermostat	\$25
≥ 95% Furnace	\$150
≥ 97% Furnace	\$225
Smart Thermostat and Furnace bundles	
≥ 95% Furnace and Smart Thermostat	\$200
≥ 97% Furnace and Smart Thermostat	\$275
≥ 95% Boiler	\$350
Combination Boiler - Boiler + Integrated Domestic Hot Water (< 300 MBTUH/MBH and > 95% AFUE)	\$500
Tankless Water Heater (version 5.0 Energy Star - UEF ≥ .95)	\$150
Storage water heater (new in 2026!)	\$150
Indoor Pool Cover	\$1.25/sq ft
Outdoor Pool Cover	\$0.75/sq ft

# Smart Thermostats

- \$25 rebate – stand alone rebate
- **169 approved smart thermostat models!!**
- Requirements:
  - ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> certified **OR**
  - Meet Illinois Technical Reference Manual (TRM) requirements
- Let us know if you think one qualifies but not on our list- we will review it and add if qualifies
- Bundles – Install a smart thermostat with a furnace and get additional \$25 rebate



**NEW: Nicor Gas is offering a joint program with ComEd at select Retail stores. Not eligible for this rebate if already received retail rebate.**

# 2026 Single and Multi-family Weatherization Offering

## Single family

**NEW in 2026-** High Performance Window rebate

Measure	2026 Rebate
Duct sealing	<b>\$600</b>
Attic air sealing	<b>\$500</b>
Attic insulation	\$400 (R ≤ 20 only)
Foundation wall insulation	\$200
Exterior wall insulation	\$150
Low-E storm window inserts	\$100 per window, up to \$1,000
High Performance Window, replacing single pane	<b>\$125 per window, up to \$3,000</b>
High Performance Window, replacing double pane	<b>\$100 per window, up to \$3,000</b>

## Multi-family

All projects require pre-approval prior to starting work

Measure	2026 Rebate
Duct Sealing	\$500 per furnace
Air Sealing	\$2/linear foot
Door Sweeps	\$75 per door
Door Weatherstripping	\$25 per door
Attic Insulation (starting R-value <R5)	\$2.50 per square foot
Attic Insulation (starting R-value R6-R20)	\$1.00 per square foot



# 2026 Single and Multi-family Weatherization Offerings

## 2026 program requirements:

- Nicor Gas customer
  - Space heating provided by natural gas
  - Delivered by program approved contractor that have required certification and meet program requirements
- 
- Duct sealing contractor certifications (one required)
    - Aeroseal
    - Duct Envelope Tightness (DET)
    - BPI-Infiltration and Duct Leakage (IDL)
    - RESNET
  - Air sealing and insulation contractors (one set required)
    - **NEW: BPI Certifications - BSP, BA-T, BA-P or**
    - BPI – Building Analyst and Envelope professional (until expires)

Contact: Rick Hild  
773.827.9053  
rhild@resource-innovations.com





# Smart Neighborhood Builder Program

- Nicor Gas residential builder offering (no all-electric buildings)
  - Natural gas service must be provided by Nicor Gas
- Builder receives rebate for installing energy efficient equipment and making envelope improvements
- Tiered incentive packages
  - Builder incentives up to \$800 per home
  - Verifier's incentive is \$75 per home
    - Anyone can be a verifier...including Raters, Builders or HVAC contractors
- Watch the recording at [nicorgas.com/tradeally](https://nicorgas.com/tradeally)
- Visit: [nicorgas.com/builders](https://nicorgas.com/builders)



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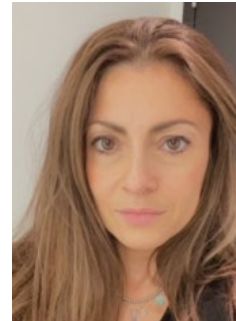
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# Commercial and Multi-family Offerings

- Assessments
- Rebates and incentives
  - Standard rebates
  - Custom incentives
- Free products
- Energy Efficiency Loans



# What is a Public Sector Facility?

A property which is controlled or owned by the government and is funded through taxation

K-12 public schools



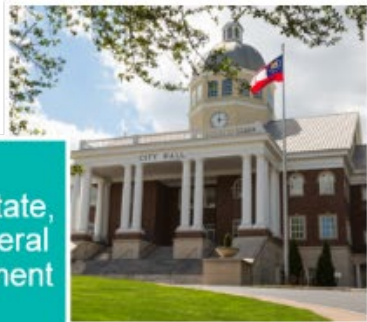
Colleges and universities



Hospitals and health clinics



Local, state, and federal government



Airports



Libraries



# Commercial and Multi-family Rebates



- **Commercial Rebate Brochure**
  - Space and Water Heating
  - Efficiency Improvements
  - Boiler Tune-ups
  - Steam Traps
  - Commercial Food Service
- **Applications for each category**



- **NEW Multi-family Rebate Brochure**
  - Space and Water Heating, Efficiency Improvements, Boiler Tune-ups, Steam Traps
  - **NEW one multi-family application**, contains all above equipment and services



- **Agriculture Rebate Fact Sheet**
  - Agricultural application



Take advantage of specialized rebates designed to help you conserve energy and save money.

Qualifying products	Rebates
<b>DAIRY</b>	
ENERGY STAR® certified dairy water heaters, <i>CPWATER™</i>	\$50
ENERGY STAR certified dairy water heaters, <i>no ARISE™</i>	\$100
<b>GRAIN</b>	
Grain dryer tune-up	\$5,000/tun capped at \$100 per dryer
<b>GREENHOUSE</b>	
Greenhouse boiler tune-up	Rebates \$5,000/STUN, capped at \$500 per boiler
Greenhouse Intelligas boiler controls	\$500 per boiler
Greenhouse boiler CO2 trim control	\$2,000/STUN, capped at \$500
Greenhouse infrared film	\$2000, ft. capped at \$10,000
Greenhouse heat curtain	\$5,000, ft. capped at \$2,500

\*Btu/24hr = 1000 British Thermal Units per Hour  
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*Reminder: Pre-approval is NOT required for prescriptive rebates*



# How to Apply

## Space and water heating 2026 Commercial rebate application



Energy  
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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  
[nkorgas.com/apply](https://nkorgas.com/apply)

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

Nicor Gas  
Attn. Energy Efficiency 26-59065  
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

*Apply  
online or  
by mail*



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## Product Information



Provide the following information for the equipment installed (as listed on invoice/receipt):

\* Denotes a required field

Please click [here](#) for the eligibility requirements.

### Furnaces

Equipment Fuel Efficiency\*

Equipment Manufacturer

Equipment Model Number

Serial Number\*

Total Installed Cost\*

Undo

Your Equipment

*Your Application is Empty*

To check the status of your rebate, visit [nkorgas.com/status](https://nkorgas.com/status).

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# Space and Water Heating Rebates

## Rebates

- Boiler replacement- condensing and non-condensing
- Boiler radiator replacement
- Boiler reset controls
- Boiler descaling - chemical solution
- Furnaces (92% and 95%)
- Infrared heaters
- Condensing unit heaters
- Direct fire space heater
- Storage water heaters
- Tankless water heater
- Programmable thermostats
- Smart thermostats
- Central domestic hot water control (MF only)

Space and water heating		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Condensing boiler	AFUE $\geq$ 90%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH;	\$1.50/MBTUH
	TE $\geq$ 90%, input capacity 300–2,500 MBTUH	\$1.50/MBTUH
Non-condensing boiler	AFUE $\geq$ 90%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH;	\$1.25/MBTUH
	TE $\geq$ 90%, input capacity 300–2,500 MBTUH	\$1.25/MBTUH
Boiler radiator replacement	Radiator replacement on hot water or steam systems	\$60/radiator
Boiler descaling – chemical solution	Chemical must be NSF/ANSI/CAN 60 compliant	\$0.50/MBTUH, up to \$1,500
Boiler reset controls	Automatic controls on hot water boilers, only add-on types are eligible	\$1.25/MBTUH, up to \$1,500
Furnace	AFUE $\geq$ 92%, Input capacity $\leq$ 225 MBTUH	\$200
	AFUE $\geq$ 95%, Input capacity $\leq$ 225 MBTUH	\$200
Infrared heater	Any intensity—indoor use only	\$700
Condensing unit heater	TE $\geq$ 90%, input capacity $\leq$ 300 MBTUH	\$325
Direct fired space heater	TE $\geq$ 92%, input capacity < 800 MBTUH	\$250
	TE $\geq$ 92%, input capacity 800–1,600 MBTUH	\$500
	TE $\geq$ 92%, input capacity > 1,600 MBTUH	\$750
Storage water heater	$\leq$ 75 MBTUH, EF $\geq$ 0.67 and tank size $\leq$ 55 gallon	\$50
	> 75 MBTUH and TE $\geq$ 88%, all tank sizes qualify	\$100
Tankless water heater	$\leq$ 200 MBTUH, $\geq$ 90% TE	\$1 per MBTUH
Programmable thermostat	Installed on $\leq$ 120 MBTUH single zoned space heating equipment	\$25
Smart thermostat	Installed on $\leq$ 120 MBTUH single zoned space heating equipment	\$25



# Efficiency Improvements Rebates

## Rebates

- Pipe insulation
- Compressed air heat recovery
- Demand-controlled ventilation
- Kitchen demand-controlled ventilation
- Pool/spa cover
- Overhead garage door
  - Spring-loaded garage door hinge
  - Dock door seals (e.g. heated warehouse, etc.)
- Laundry (hotels, laundromat, fitness centers, health care)
  - Ozone laundry
  - Clothes dryer modulation controls

Efficiency improvements		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Pipe insulation	2" insulation thickness or 6.45 R-value added to bare outdoor pipe system	\$4/linear foot
	1" insulation thickness or R-value $\geq 3.25$ added to bare indoor steam system piping	\$4/linear foot
	1" insulation thickness or R-value $\geq 3.25$ added to bare indoor hot water system piping	\$4/linear foot
	1" insulation thickness or R-value $\geq 3.25$ added to pipe < 1" diameter	\$2/linear foot
Pool/spa cover	Installed on indoor commercial pool/spa	\$1.25/square foot
	Installed on outdoor commercial pool/spa	\$0.75/square foot
Ozone laundry	System must use ozone and be installed in an on-site laundry facility with a natural gas-fired boiler or water heater	\$5/pound of washer capacity
Clothes dryer modulation controls	Must be installed on an existing 30 to 250 pound-capacity commercial gas dryer	\$100/control
Demand-controlled ventilation	Sensors must be installed as an energy conservation measure	\$20/sensor
Kitchen demand-controlled ventilation	Must be a control system that varies the exhaust rate of kitchen ventilation.	\$500/HP
Compressed air heat recovery	Must be an air-cooled air compressor that is ducted for heat recovery during the heating season	\$50/HP
Overhead garage door spring-loaded hinge	Garage must maintain a minimum indoor temperature of 55F	\$50/door
Dock door seal	Garage must maintain a minimum indoor temperature of 55F	\$200/door

# Boiler Tune-up Rebates

- Rebate based on MBTUH per boiler tuned-up
- **Space heating boiler tune-up**
  - Eligible every 3 years
  - \$.30/MBTUH up to \$500/boiler
- **Process heating**
  - Eligible every 2 years
  - Tiered rebate
    - 100-1500MBTUH \$.50/MBTUH up to \$500/boiler
    - 1501-1999 MBTUH \$.50/MBTUH up to \$750/boiler
    - 2000-2999 MBTUH \$.50/MBTUH up to \$1000/boiler
    - >3000 MBTUH \$.50/MBTUH up to \$1500/boiler

## Find the updated boiler tune-up checklist

- [nicorgas.com/boilertuneup](https://www.nicorgas.com/boilertuneup)
- Trade ally website at [nicorgas.com/tradeally](https://www.nicorgas.com/tradeally)

Boiler tune-ups		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Space heating boiler tune-up	Completed on space heating boiler— must complete boiler tune-up checklist and show improvement	\$0.30/ MBTUH, up to \$500
Process boiler tune-ups	100-1500 MBTUH	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$500
	1501-1999 MBTUH	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$750
	2000 -2999 MBTUH	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$1,000
	≥ 3000 MBTUH	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$1,500

# Steam Trap Rebates

- Commercial steam traps (< 15 psig)
  - With survey - \$100/trap
    - Blow thru or leaking traps are eligible (failed open)
  - No survey/untested - \$25/ trap
- Dry cleaner steam traps (≥ 15 psig)
  - With survey - **\$300/trap**
  - Blow thru or leaking traps are eligible (failed open)
  - No survey/untested - \$25/trap
- Industrial/process steam traps (≥ 15 psig)
  - With survey – **\$300/trap**
    - Blow thru or leaking traps are eligible (failed open)
  - No survey/untested - \$25/trap

Steam traps		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Industrial/process steam trap	Steam trap survey is required—repair or replace existing, failed open steam traps on a process steam system with operating pressure ≥ 15 psig	\$300/trap
Dry cleaner steam trap	Steam trap survey is required—repair or replace existing, failed open steam traps on a steam system located in a laundromat or dry cleaner with operating pressure ≥ 15 psig	\$300/trap
Commercial steam trap	Survey is required-repair or replace exiting steam traps	\$100/trap
Steam trap replacement, no survey	Repair or replace existing industrial/process, dry cleaner or commercial steam traps without a survey	\$25/trap

## Steam trap survey worksheet link

- [nicorgas.com/steamsurvey](https://www.nicorgas.com/steamsurvey) or
- Trade Ally website

# Commercial Food Service rebates

## Rebates

- Conveyor oven, width > 25 inches
- Energy Star<sup>®</sup> Combination oven
- Energy Star Convection Oven
- Infrared Charbroiler
- Infrared salamander broiler
- Infrared upright broiler
- Energy Star commercial steamer
- Energy Star fryer
- Energy Star griddle
- Pasta cooker
- Pre-rinse spray valve

Commercial food service equipment		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Conveyor oven	Cooking efficiency ≥ 42% and conveyor width ≥ 25 inches	\$1,000/deck
ENERGY STAR certified combination oven	Must be new ENERGY STAR certified natural gas combination oven with steam oven cooking efficiency ≥ 41% and convection mode cooking efficiency ≥ 56%	\$900/deck
ENERGY STAR certified convection oven	Cooking efficiency ≥ 46%	\$150
Rotisserie oven	Infrared burners or approaches that combine radiative heat exchangers and convection heating are eligible	\$500
Double rack oven	Oven with baking energy efficiency ≥ 50%	\$700/oven
Infrared charbroiler	Must use infrared burners	\$500
Infrared salamander broiler	Must use infrared burners	\$500
Infrared upright broiler	Must use infrared burners	\$500
ENERGY STAR certified commercial steamer	Cooking efficiency ≥ 38% 5- and 6-pan units are eligible	\$950
ENERGY STAR certified fryer	Heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50%, width < 18 inches	\$400/vat
	Large vat heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50%, width ≥ 18 inches	\$400/vat
ENERGY STAR certified griddle	Heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 38%	\$250
Pasta cooker	Must be a dedicated pasta cooker, as determined by the manufacturer	\$200
Pre-rinse spray valve	Flow rate ≤ 0.98 gpm	\$25

# Agricultural Rebates

## Rebates

- Commercial rate class required
- Dairy
  - Energy Star Dairy Water Heaters
- Grain
  - Grain Dryer Tune-ups
    - » Note: Grain Dryer replacements eligible under custom incentive
- Greenhouse
  - Greenhouse Boiler Tune-ups
  - Greenhouse Boiler O2 Trim Controls
  - Greenhouse Linkageless Boiler Controls
  - Greenhouse Heat Curtains
  - Greenhouse Infrared Film



Qualifying products	Rebates
ENERGY STAR® certified dairy water heater, ≤75MBUTH*	\$50
ENERGY STAR certified dairy water heater, > 75 MBTUH	\$100



Qualifying products	Rebates
Grain dryer tune-up	\$0.50/MBTUH capped at \$500 per dryer



Qualifying products	Rebates
Greenhouse boiler tune-up	\$0.50/MBTUH, capped at \$1500 per boiler
Greenhouse linkageless boiler controls	\$150 per boiler
Greenhouse boiler O2 trim control	\$0.35/MBTUH, capped at \$800
Greenhouse infrared film	\$0.10/sq. ft. capped at \$10,000
Greenhouse heat curtain	\$0.25/sq. ft. capped at \$2,500

# Custom Incentives

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## Program Details:

- Not eligible for Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency rebates in other programs
- **Pre-approval required**
- Incentive calculated based on therms saved
  - No minimum therm savings required
- All projects are capped at \$350,000 or 35% of project cost, whichever is less
  - **Combined Heat and Power cap is \$500,000**

## Incentive amounts:

- **Business (Private or Public)**
  - ≤ 15,000 therms saved- \$ 0.60/therm
  - > 15,000 therms saved - \$ 0.80/therm
  - Gas Heat Pumps- \$4/therm
  - RCx projects- \$ 0.10/therm
- **Small Business or Multi-family**
  - ≤ 7,500 therms saved- \$0.60/therm
  - > 7,500 therms saved- \$0.80/therm

Note: Contact Commercial outreach representative for assistance. Find at [nicorgas.com/tradeally](https://nicorgas.com/tradeally)

# Custom Incentives

## Process:

- Submit pre-approval application
  - Scope of Work and equipment specs
- ***Obtain pre-approval notice***
- Order materials and complete project
- Submit final application and invoice(s)
- Post installation inspection is completed by program
  - Final Measurement & Verification (M&V)
  - May include site visit
- Receive final approval and incentive 😊

## Project Examples:

- Boiler burner upgrades
- Boiler replacement (> 2500MBTUH)
- Burner and furnace controls
- Economizers
- Heat recovery systems
- Regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO)
- Condensate return system improvements
- Building and process insulation
- Air side measures:
  - Make up air
  - Energy Recover Ventilators
- Building automation system upgrade
- Combined heat and power (CHP)
- Commercial Gas Heat Pump (GHP)
- RCx Projects

Must get pre-approval BEFORE  
equipment is ordered or work begins



# Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

- CHP, or cogeneration, is a highly efficient on-site energy system that **generates electricity and captures the heat to produce hot water, steam or chilled water**
- Benefits
  - Decreases energy cost by creating electricity and heat on-site
  - Increase energy resiliency for critical operations
  - Reduce risk of volatile energy prices
- No cost CHP Feasibility Study for eligible Nicor Gas customers
- Incentive- \$1/therm with a \$500,000 cap for new systems based on verified savings
- ComEd offers an additional incentive

Note: You do not need a feasibility study to be eligible for the incentive



Learn more and watch our CHP Webinar at  
<https://youtu.be/6dOVN1cxaY4>

# Commercial Assessments and Free Products

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- Free assessment with Energy Advisor
- Identify energy-saving opportunities
- Install free products
  - Aerators, showerheads, kitchen spray valves, door sweeps, etc.
- Provide report with energy efficiency metrics (energy savings, ROI, carbon reduction, etc)
- Road map for future energy-saving projects
- Visit [nicorgas.com/bizassessment](http://nicorgas.com/bizassessment)



# Commercial Assessments



## Commercial Assessment

- For <150,000 annual therm users
- Assessment and report
- Free products installed

**Call to schedule:  
855.801.5805**



## Opportunity Assessment

- For > 150,000 annual therm users
- ASHRAE\* Level 1 assessment
- Free products installed



## Facility Assessment

- For > 500,000 annual therm users
- ASHRAE Level 2 assessment
- Deployment of data loggers
- Free products installed



## Public Sector Assessment

- Three or more buildings
- Inspection of each facility
- Detailed report of efficiency opportunities
- Ongoing support for implementing natural gas-saving projects
- Free products installed

**Call to schedule:  
312.344.1569**

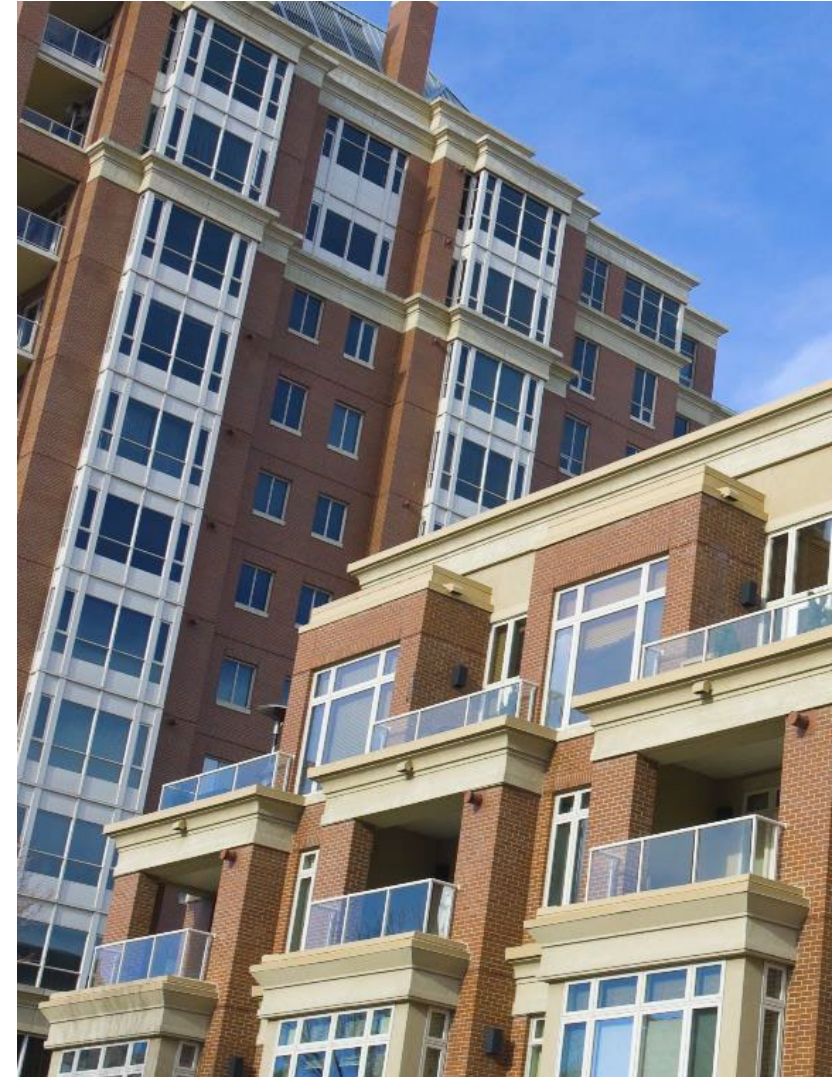
\*ASHRAE = American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers



# Multi-family Assessments

- Market Rate (Nicor Gas only) and Income-Eligible (joint)
- Multi-family eligible properties have 3 units or more
  - Single family or 1- 2-unit properties fall under residential programs
- Energy Advisor conducts a walk-through assessment
- Installs free and discounted energy-saving products :
  - Programmable or smart thermostat
  - High-efficiency showerheads
  - Water-saving aerators
  - LEDs (income eligible only)
- Provides a report with recommended improvements
- **Apply for prescriptive rebates using the Multi-family applications**

**Call to Schedule: 855.993.0940**



# Retro-commissioning (RCx) Study

- Customer requirements
  - Building automation systems
    - Commercial facility > 100,000 annual therm usage
    - E.g., office buildings, hospitals, schools/universities, libraries, industrial facilities and more
- Two Paths
  1. Nicor Gas program engineer performs the study
    - Reviews building automation to identify opportunities
    - Recommends low to no-cost system adjustments
    - Customer or trade ally does adjustments
    - Customer receives incentives
  2. Coordinated program with ComEd
    - ComEd program approved Contractors perform study
    - Contractor receives rebate
- **Tell your customer** about this FREE program to help your customers save money!

Contact your commercial outreach representative:  
Find your rep at [nicorgas.com/tradeally](https://nicorgas.com/tradeally)

# New Construction

# Commercial and Industrial New Construction



- Technical assistance and incentives to support design and construction for new construction, major renovation and additions
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Must be a Nicor Gas customer for gas incentives
    - If a ComEd customer - also eligible for electric incentives
  - **Project must be in design phase (prior to building permits) to qualify-opportunity to influence design**  
NOTE: If past design phase, may be eligible for Custom incentive
  - 5,000 sq. ft. or greater
  - Design must exceed current Illinois Energy Code requirements (IECC)
  - Private and public sector- Commercial and large multi-family buildings
- Incentive is \$0.35 per therm saved (may also get \$.07/KWh saved incentives)
- Additional incentives may be available for design teams

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# Emerging Technology Program

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- Goal: Identify gas saving equipment/process/technology
- GTI Energy- engineering firm does research
  - Validates gas savings
  - Write white papers once technology validates gas savings
- 188 ideas received, resulting in 34 TRM workpapers
- Find all white papers on the Trade Ally website

Submit gas saving ideas at [nicorgas.com/emerging](https://nicorgas.com/emerging)



# NEW – Gas Heat Pumps

- Commercial Gas Heat Pump (GHPs) - Robur been in US market for 17 years and Europe much longer
- Residential Gas Heat Pump - Anesi introduced in 2024; Nicor Gas conducting a pilot
- Benefits of GHPs may include
  - High fuel efficiency (up to 140% efficient)
  - Reduces Green House Gas (GHG) emissions
  - Natural refrigerant with zero global warming potential (GWP)
  - No combustion inside the house
  - Only water/food grade propylene glycol mix is used to transfer heat
  - Comfortable space heating even when outdoor temperatures are as low as -40° F/C with no backup required
  - Space heating and water heating and cooling option
  - No chimney, duct work, or electrical panel upgrades needed in most cases
- Webinars posted to Trade Ally website
  - Commercial and Multi-family - Robur
  - Residential – Anesi
- Commercial and multi-family custom incentive available \$4.00 per therm saved

**Income Eligible**

# Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)

## Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)

- State run - funded by local, state and federal government and utilities
- Eligibility – customers at or below 200% of federal poverty level
- Single family and multi-family
- Weatherization services that contractors provide include:
  - Air sealing
  - Attic and wall insulation
  - Furnace, boiler and water heating repair and replacement
  - Health and safety measures
- Closed contractor network- managed by the [Community Action Agency \(CAA\)](#)
  - Must have required certifications and license
- Contact your local [Community Action Agency \(CAA\)](#) to learn how to participate
  - [nicorgas.com/freeweatherization](https://www.nicorgas.com/freeweatherization)

# Single and Multi-family Retrofit Offering

## Income-eligible Retrofit Program

- Joint utility program funded solely by utilities
- Eligibility – customers at or below 80% area median income (AMI) or income eligible census tract
- Single family and multi-family
- Weatherization services that contractors provide include:
  - Air sealing
  - Attic and wall insulation
  - Furnace, boiler and water heating repair and replacement
  - Health and Safety measures
- Closed contractor network
  - Must have required certifications, license and Contractor Circle membership

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# Affordable Housing New Construction

- Offers technical assistance and incentives **to support the design and construction of income-eligible housing** that exceeds Illinois Energy Code (IECC) requirements
- Must be involved early in the design and planning stages
- Incentives are available for new construction or major renovation of single-family or multi-family affordable housing
- Buildings must include income-eligible units
  - Households at or below 80% area median income (AMI)

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# Public Housing Authority (PHA)

- Full-service program for public housing buildings that includes:
  - Energy assessments and program support
  - Installation of free energy-saving measures by the program
    - Programmable thermostats, or reprogramming existing thermostats to energy-saving settings
    - WaterSense<sup>®</sup> certified showerheads and faucet aerators
    - AC covers, gap sealers, pipe insulation, furnace tune-up
- Standard rebates and custom incentives **installed by contractors like you!**
  - Air sealing and attic insulation
  - Furnace and boiler repair and replacement



# Public Housing Authority (PHA)

## How do you participate?

- Program performs assessment and makes list of recommended improvements
- Contractors bid on recommended improvements
- Contractor is selected
- Contractor does the work and gets paid by program

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