Custom incentives



Custom incentives are available for projects that are not covered by existing rebates. Incentive amounts are based on the measured and verified therm savings from the energy efficiency project. Eligible projects typically involve improvements to existing systems or processes which result in a permanent reduction in natural gas usage in your facility.

Pre-approval is required from the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program before any equipment is purchased or work begins at the site.

Custom incentives

Project savings: Multiple improvements can be combined	Incentive amount	Incentive cap
Commercial (>60,000 annual therms)		
Up to 15,000 therms saved/year	\$0.60/therm saved	
> 15,000 therms saved/year	\$0.80/therm saved	
Multi-family (3 units or more)		\$350,000 and
Up to 7,500 therms saved/year	\$0.60/therm saved	cannot exceed 35%
> 7,500 therms saved/year	\$0.80/therm saved	of the total project cost
Small business (≤60,000 annual therms)		
Up to 7,500 therms saved/year	\$0.60/therm saved	
> 7,500 therms saved/year	\$0.80/therm saved	

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How to apply

1 **Complete and submit the pre-approval application** Submit a pre-approval application and all required documentation *before* starting any work on the project.

2 Pre-installation inspection

Once the pre-approval application is submitted, our engineers will review your application and contact you to schedule a pre-inspection site visit.

3 Obtain pre-approval notice

Once pre-approved, you will receive a pre-approval letter with the estimated therm savings and incentive amount.

4 Install your project

Once you've received pre-approval, purchase your equipment/ supplies and complete your project.

5 **Complete and submit the final application** Submit the final application and itemized invoice(s) after the project

is completed.

6 Post-installation inspection Once project is complete, our engineers will perform final verification and measurement, which includes a site visit.

7 Obtain final approval and collect your incentive After the final inspection, you will be issued a final approval notice and your incentive payment will be processed and mailed.

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Custom incentives include any natural gas-saving projects that don't qualify for a prescriptive rebate, such as:

- Commercial Gas Heat Pumps
- High-efficiency burner replacements
- Burner and furnace controls
- Process heat recovery technologies, including flue stack and condensing economizers
- · Regenerative thermal oxidizers
- · Condensate return system improvements
- Building and process insulation
- Air side measures:
 - Make-up air units
 - Energy recovery ventilators
- Combined heat and power
- · BAS/EMS installations and upgrades

Commercial rebates and custom incentives for your facility

2024 offerings available for:

- Businesses
- Public sector
- Multi-family (three units or more)





Commercial rebates are available to businesses, public sector customers and multifamily properties (three units or more). All rebates are subject to fund availability.

How to apply

1 Verify eligibility

Rebates are available to Nicor Gas commercial customers who have natural gas distributed by Nicor Gas and have one of these rate classes: -Private sector -Public sector -Multi-family properties (3 units or more) *Note: Certain large industrial customers are not eligible

2 Find a contractor

Use your own contractor or find a contractor at **nicorgas.com/findacontractor**

3 Select and install qualifying equipment Review all eligibility requirements and terms and conditions. Collect all required information to complete your application.

4 Apply for your rebate

Submit within 90 days of installation/service, or by January 31, 2025, whichever comes first.

Download a paper application or apply online at **nicorgas.com/apply**

4 Get your rebate

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

psig = Pounds per square inch gauge
MBTUH = 1,000 British Thermal Units per Hour
AFUE = Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency
TE = Thermal Efficiency
EF = Energy Factor
gpm = Gallons per minute
HP = Horse power

Qualifying equipmen	t	Rebate
Condensing boiler	AFUE ≥ 90%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH	\$500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 300–499 MBTUH	\$1,500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 500–999 MBTUH	\$2,500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 1,000–1,700 MBTUH	\$3,500
	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity 1,701–2,500 MBTUH	\$4,500
Non-condensing boiler	AFUE ≥ 85%, input capacity up to 299 MBTUH	\$400
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 300–499 MBTUH	\$1,000
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 500–999 MBTUH	\$1,250
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 1,000–1,700 MBTUH	\$1,750
	TE ≥ 85%, input capacity 1,701–2,500 MBTUH	\$2,500
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/MBTU up to \$1,500
Boiler reset controls	Automatic controls on hot water boilers, only add-on types are eligible	\$1.25/MBTUI up to \$1,500
Central domestic hot water control Multi-family properties (3 units or more)	Installed as an add-on control to an existing domestic hot water system	\$660/contro
Furnace	AFUE ≥ 92%, input capacity ≤ 225 MBTUH	\$300
	AFUE ≥ 95%, input capacity ≤ 225 MBTUH	\$400
Infrared heater	Any intensity—indoor use only	\$700
Condensing unit heater	TE ≥ 90%, input capacity ≤ 300 MBTUH	\$325
Direct fired	TE ≥ 92%, input capacity < 800 MBTUH	\$250
space heater	TE ≥ 92%, input capacity 800–1,600 MBTUH	\$500
	TE ≥ 92%, input capacity > 1,600 MBTUH	\$750
Storage water heater	≤ 75 MBTUH, EF ≥ 0.67 and tank size ≤ 55 gallon	\$50
	> 75 MBTUH and TE ≥ 88%, all tank sizes qualify	\$100
Tankless water heater	≤200MBTUH, ≥ 90% TE	\$1 per MBTU
Programmable thermostat	Installed on ≤ 120 MBTUH single zoned space heating equipment	\$25
Smart thermostat	Installed on ≤ 120 MBTUH single zoned space heating equipment	\$25

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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 with survey	Survey is required-repair or replace exiting steam traps	\$100/trap
Commercial steam trap	Repair or replace existing steam traps	\$25/trap

Qualifying equip	oment	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 ≥ 3.25 added to bare indoor steam system piping	\$4/linear foot
	1" insulation thickness or R-value ≥ 3.25 added to bare indoor hot water system piping	\$4/linear foot
	1″ insulation thickness or R-value ≥ 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	\$10/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	Pre-approval is requiredsensors must be installed as an energy conservation measure	\$20/sensor
Kitchen demand- controlled ventilation	Pre-approval is required	\$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 is conditioned during the heating season by natural gas	\$50/door
Dock door seal	Garage must maintain a minimum indoor temperature of 55F	\$200/door

Efficiency improvements

Boiler tune-ups		
Qualifying equipment		Rebate
Boiler tune-up	Completed on space heating boiler with operating pressure ≥ 15psig—must complete boiler tune-up checklist	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$500
	Completed on process boiler with operating pressure ≥ 15psig—must complete boiler tune-up checklist	\$0.50/ MBTUH, up to \$500

Commercial	food service equipment	
Qualifying equi	pment	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%	\$400
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	\$500/vat
	Large vat heavy load cooking efficiency ≥ 50%, width ≥ 18 inches	\$550/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

Questions? Call us Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **877.886.4239** or visit **nicorgas.com/bizrebates**



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