

SAVE MONEY GO GREEN

CITY OF AKRON NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM

The City of Akron Energy Efficient Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) is a federal program initiated through the U.S. Department of Energy and funded through the American Relief and Recovery Act of 2009. The City of Akron has budgeted \$350,000 for the Residential Energy New Construction Rebate Program.

This program establishes financial incentives to assist prospective individual private property home owners with new residential single-family home construction projects with energy efficiency benchmarks. The incentives are designed to make the building process more affordable as the home owner pursues energy efficient and/or renewable technologies. In addition, the home owner will incur lesser annual and lifetime operating expenses. .

Applicants will be required to follow the Department of Energy's E-Scale performance path based on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) to indicate a home's efficiency. The city of Akron requires that new construction achieve a minimum of 50 on the E-Scale – indicating the home is 50% more efficient than a typical newly built home. In addition, the home must be rated by third-party verifier from the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). Those recommended for the area are Building Integrated Photovoltaic or Solar Thermal Technologies. The City of Akron recommends non-profit Green Energy Ohio as an addition resource for exploring the financial and technical aspects of renewable energy projects. To make projects more financially attractive, a list of current incentives is list below.

Funds will be available January 2011 thru June 2011. Construction must be completed by December 2011. Rebates will be committed on a first come, first served basis.

The city of Akron will provide cash rebates to builders or homeowners for energy efficient new home construction. Rebates come in the form of a check to the applicant that meets benchmark for required energy efficiency in the newly constructed home.

This rebate is offered to consumers who are in the process or who are planning to build a new single family residential home. Rebates range from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for qualified new houses. The home must meet the minimum standard as indicated by the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. To get the rebate, the home must rate a 50 or less on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index scoring system established by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). Throughout construction of your new home several inspections will be needed to be made to ensure efficiency standards are in place.

Rebate levels are as follows:

HERS Rating		
50 -41	=	\$15,000
40 -31	=	\$17,500
30 -21	=	\$20,000
20 -11	=	\$22,500
10 or below	=	\$25,000

Eligibility for Rebates:

- The new home construction permit must be issued between September 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- The home must be built in the city limits of Akron Ohio
- There is only one rebate for each single family detached home.
- The rebate is for single family detached home.
- The rebate reservation is valid for 6 months from the point the city receives it.
- New home must meet HERS rating between 0 and 50.
- All construction must be completed by December 31, 2011 or 6 months after the reservation is received by the city of Akron, whichever comes first.
- Construction must be complete 6 months after the application is submitted and accepted by the city of Akron
- Application will be processed on a first-come, first serve basis.
- The home must meet the Summit County Building Code
- New home cannot receive any subsidy by the Federal, State, or local government program

Easy Steps to apply for Home Energy Rebate:

1. Down load a Home Energy Rebate reservation form (www.akronliving.org) under the new residential construction energy rebate program. Submit the completed reservation to the city of Akron. The completed reservation form will set aside funding until your construction is complete. The reservation is for 6 months and the city of Akron will send a confirmation of receipt. No fax copies.
2. Contact a builder if you do not have one and a certified Home energy rater to let them know what level of energy savings you are trying to achieve. In order to qualify for these rebates you should contact an Energy professional as early as possible in the planning process. The city has a list of energy raters to assist you.
3. Work with the rater throughout the New home construction process.

4. After home is constructed, contact the city to process you application. The energy rater will give you a Home Energy Rating certificate. You should present the original certificate and complete a claim for the rebate. The city will verify the home is complete within 24 hours of the claim submittal.
5. The claim will take 2 to 4 weeks to process.

More information & Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Builder's Challenge can be found at:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/challenge/pdfs/bc_faqv3.pdf

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/challenge/pdfs/bcqc_version_1_3_060408.pdf

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact:

City of Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development
330-375-2696

Terms and Conditions:

- The new home construction permit must be issued between September 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- The home must be built in the city limits of Akron Ohio
- There is only one rebate for each single family detached home.
- The rebate is for single family detached home.
- The rebate application is valid for 6 months from the point the city receives it.
- New home must meet HERS rating between 0-and 50. Rebate amount is based on HERS scale

50 – 41 = \$15,000

40 – 31 = \$17,500

30 - 21 = \$20,000

20 – 11 = \$22,500

10 or below = \$25,000

- All construction must be completed by December 31, 2011. Rebate claims must be received by the city of Akron by December 31, 2011.
- Construction must be complete 6 months after the reservation is application is submitted and accepted by the city of Akron. Claim must be submitted within (30) thirty days of the completed home.

- Application will be processed on a first-come, first serve basis.
- The city of Akron set aside a total 23 rebates for the Energy Efficient Rebate program. Five of the 23 rebates are set aside for Builders, Investors, and Developers which will be available on a first come first serve basis. Once the Builders, Investors, and Developers successfully completes the construction of a home with a rebate and has sold the home to a fee simple buyer, an additional rebate may be made available.
- The home must meet all of the city of Akron Health housing code and Summit County building code.

City of Akron New Residential Home Construction
Energy Efficient Rebate Program
Reservation



Name _____ Contact Number _____

Current Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address of New Property _____, Akron, OH

Construction Start Date _____

Construction Completion Date _____

Rebate Information (Person Requesting Rebate): Are you a:

Builder Investor Developer Homeowner Occupant

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Current Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

AGREEMENT:

I certify and agree to the terms and conditions of this Energy Efficient Program. I understand by completing this application, I am not guaranteed to receive a rebate unless I comply with the terms and conditions of this program.

Applicant Signature

Date

Builders Information:

Name _____

Current Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Number _____

Mail to: City of Akron
 C/O Energy Efficient New Home Construction
 161 S. High Street
 Suite 201
 Akron, Ohio 44308

City of Akron New Residential Home Construction
Energy Efficient Rebate Program
Rebate Claim



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Construction Start Date _____

Construction completion Date _____

Rebate Information (Person Receiving Rebate):

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Current Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rebate Amount

50 <= 40 = \$15,000

40 < and >= 30 = \$17,500

30 < and >= 20 = \$20,000

20 < and >= 10 = \$22,500

< 10 = \$25,000

I certify I meet the terms and conditions of this Energy Efficient Program.

Applicant Signature

Date

CITY OF AKRON NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM CHECKLIST

- ◇ Complete CITY OF AKRON NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ENERGY REBATE reservation and submit to the city of Akron
- ◇ Read the terms and conditions
- ◇ Prepare building plans, contact energy rater, begin construction.
- ◇ Complete the rebate claim and send documents into the city of Akron after home is complete
 - HERS certificate
 - Completed rebate claim