

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Inflation Reduction Act Home Improvement Tax Credits

Up to 30% of the actual costs for residential energy efficiency work, including:

1) Improvements: Any energy-efficient building envelope measure that can reasonably be expected to remain in use for five years (e.g., air sealing and insulation).

2) Property: Mechanical equipment such as heat pumps, central air conditioners, gas furnaces/ boilers, heat pump water heaters, biomass stoves/boilers and electrical panel upgrades (load capacity >200 amps and associated with installation of other energy property).

3) Energy Audits: Written report highlighting most significant and cost-effective opportunities.

Subject to the following annual limits:

- \$1,200 \$3,200 depending on projects completed and equipment installed.
- \$600 limit on individual energy-efficient property except for heat pumps, heat pump water heaters and biomass stoves/boilets, which are limited to \$2,000.
- \$150 for Energy Audits.

The Department of Energy provides a table <u>on their website</u> detailing each tax credit available for each equipment type.

Energy Property (i.e., mechanical equipment) must meet the highest (non-advanced) tier determined by the <u>Consortium for Energy Efficiency</u> (CEE) for each product type. The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) has compiled <u>listing of product models</u> that meet the CEE tiers and therefore qualify for the Home Improvement Tax Credit. For some products, such as central air conditioners and ductless mini-split heat pumps, these levels are higher than the efficiency required for the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program.

For more information about eligibility criteria, see Table 1 on Page 2, review the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program's <u>Available Residential Measures Guide</u> and/or review the <u>IRS Fact Sheet</u>.





WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any U.S. taxpayer for Primary Dwelling Unit located in the United States and used by the taxpayer as the taxpayer's principal residence. Manufactured homes are included. Renters are included in certain conditions.

HOW DOES MY CUSTOMER RECEIVE THE TAX CREDIT?

Taxpayers document projects and file for the tax credit on their annual income tax filing. These credits do not reduce the upfront cost to the customer. They are not an instant rebate. See IRS Form 5695 for more information about filing the necessary documents to receive the tax credit.

WHEN IS THE IRA IN EFFECT?

The Home Improvement Tax Credit began Jan. 1, 2023 and continues for at least 10 years.

Table 1. Equipment Qualification Details

| Equipment | Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program Qualification | Tax Credit Qualification |
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| Windows/Skylights | ENERGY STAR® | ENERGY STAR Most Efficient |
| Central ACs (Split) | SEER2 ≥ 15.2 EER2 ≥ 11.88 | $\begin{array}{c} SEER2 \geq 16 \\ EER2 \geq 12 \end{array}$ |
| Air Source Heat Pumps (Split - Ducted) | SEER2 ≥ 15.2 HSPF2 ≥ 8.1 | $\begin{array}{l} SEER2 \geq 15.2 \\ HSPF2 \geq 8.1 \end{array}$ |
| Air Source Heat Pumps (Split - Non-Ducted) | SEER2 ≥ 16 HSPF2 ≥ 8.55 | $\begin{array}{l} SEER2 \geq 16 \\ HSPF2 \geq 9.5 \end{array}$ |
| Heat Pump Water Heaters | 120V: UEF \ge 2.2 240V: UEF \ge 3.3 | 120V: UEF \ge 2.2 240V: UEF \ge 3.3 |
| Gas Furnaces (Forced Air) | $AFUE \ge 95\%$ | $AFUE \geq 97\%$ |
| Gas Furnaces (Hydronic) | 90% | ≥ 95% |
| Insulation Materials | See the Available Residential <u>Measures Guide</u> | International Energy Conservation Code standards |

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