

The Light Commercial ENERGY STAR® Boiler Program Terms and Conditions



Overview

If you're building, converting or upgrading a small building, you may qualify for a cash rebate of up to \$1,495 by installing an ENERGY STAR® condensing or near-condensing boiler sized up to 299 MBH. Rebates for new construction will be available to the builder/developer, and conversion and retrofit rebates will be available to the end customer, account holder, or building owner, as reflected on their FortisBC account.

Eligible facilities

- The facility where the boiler is installed must be in the FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. or FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc. (collectively, "FortisBC") service territories of the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Squamish, Whistler, Interior of B.C., Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast.
- The facility where the boiler is installed must use natural gas purchased according to one of the following FortisBC Rate Schedules: 2, 2U, 3, 3U, 5, 23, 25, AGS, SCS-1, SCS-2 or LCS- 1.
- Rebates are available for multiple boilers in a single facility.

Eligible boilers

To qualify installed boilers must be:

- Installed on or after January 1, 2009;
- ENERGY STAR boilers (near-condensing boilers rated 85% AFUE or higher, or condensing boilers rated 90% AFUE or higher);
- With input rating of up to 299,000 Btu/hr. Modular boiler size is based on individual boiler module.
- Used for space heating, domestic water heating (in combination with space heating), process load, or a combination of these;
- Not be used for exclusive pool heating or snow melting, unless boiler also serves heating load as main service; and
- Installed by a BC Safety Authority registered gas contractor and in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and must comply with applicable laws, codes, standards and ordinances.

Program process

- To be eligible for the rebate, the participant must return a copy of the completed application form and a copy of the invoice and/or work order that contains the date of installation and details of all work performed, including the make and model number of the boiler, the gas permit number and if applicable, a copy of the approval certificate and Certificate of Inspection from the BC Safety Authority.
- Applications must be submitted no later than 90 days after the boiler installation date.
- Applications must be signed by the applicant.
- For installations made prior to September 1, 2009, applications must be received by December 1, 2009.
- Processing of applications may take a minimum of 90 days.
- FortisBC is not responsible for lost, delayed, damaged, illegible or incomplete applications.

- FortisBC reserves the right to refuse applications which it determines, in its sole discretion, are incomplete, inaccurate or otherwise do not meet program requirements.
- FortisBC has the right to inspect an installation before issuing a rebate.

Rebates

Rebates will be calculated as follows:

- Condensing boilers: \$5 per MBH, provided that the condensing boiler is used for radiant heat, fan coils and/or domestic water heating (in combination with space heating) end use applications, or if FortisBC is satisfied after an on-site inspection that the boilers will actually condense.
- Near-condensing boilers: \$3 per MBH.
- Sample calculation: 1 MBH is equal to 1,000 Btu per hour, therefore a 299 MBH or 299,000 Btu/hr condensing boiler would be eligible for a \$1,495 rebate.
- The rebate is independent of the price of boilers or the total cost of the mechanical system. The program does not include any additional rebate or incentive for labour, vent modifications, piping changes, design calculations, or other equipment.


Representations and warranties

- Applicant acknowledges the program eligibility criteria and warrants that it fully qualifies.
- Applicant warrants that all the information contained in the application and the information attached thereto is true and correct.
- Applicant covenants that it will notify FortisBC immediately if there is any material change in the application and information attached thereto after it is approved by FortisBC.

Additional terms and conditions

- FortisBC may amend, modify or terminate this program at any time based on funding limitations or for any other reason, without notice.
- FortisBC may accept applications up to 90 days after closing the program, but in no event will it accept applications received more than 90 days after the closing of the program.
- Applicant acknowledges that by taking part in the program, their boiler may use less natural gas and produce fewer emissions. Applicant agrees that FortisBC may record any resulting reductions in emissions along with those of participating customers and credit them to the FortisBC Greenhouse Gas Management Program. FortisBC will have no ownership interest in the boiler.
- FortisBC, not being the designer or manufacturer of the boiler, makes no representation or warranty, express or implied as to the fitness, design or capability of the material, equipment or workmanship of the boiler, nor any warranty that the boiler will satisfy the requirements of any law, specification, or contract.
- The applicant is solely responsible for any tax liability imposed as a result of payment of the rebate.
- The program is independent of other incentives and rebates by FortisBC and/or other utilities, manufacturers, or government incentive programs or grants.
- Rebates cannot be assigned or transferred to another recipient.
- In applying for this offer, please be aware that FortisBC or one of its agents may contact you in the future to participate in a survey about this offer.
- Applicant acknowledges and agrees that FortisBC may randomly draw applications for on-site audits to ensure stated natural gas appliances are installed and to grant FortisBC reasonable access for these audits.

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