

# Residential Natural Gas Equipment and Duct Sealing Rebate Program

➤ Available to NYSEG and RG&E residential natural gas customers

## How to Participate

Please use this checklist to mark off each completed step.

- **Step 1:** Equipment and duct sealing must be new and installed **no earlier than July 1, 2009** to be eligible for rebate. Refer to the Equipment and Duct Sealing Rebate List below for qualifying equipment.

### High-Efficiency Equipment and Duct Sealing Rebate List

Furnace AFUE ≥ 90 .....	\$200
Furnace AFUE ≥ 92 with ECM.....	\$400
Furnace AFUE ≥ 94 with ECM.....	\$600
Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 85.....	\$500
Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 90.....	\$1,000
Steam Boiler AFUE ≥ 82 .....	\$500
Boiler Reset Control* .....	\$100
Indirect Water Heater** .....	\$300
Programmable Thermostat(s)** .....	\$25
Duct Sealing*** .....	\$600

AFUE = Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency

ECM = Electronically Controlled Fan Motor

\* Separate piece of equipment installed by a contractor on a new or existing natural gas fueled non-condensing boiler.

\*\* Installed by a contractor at time of qualifying natural gas furnace or boiler installation.

\*\*\* Duct system located entirely in unconditioned area. Completed by a contractor at time of qualifying furnace replacement.

- **Step 2:** Once your eligible equipment and duct sealing has been installed, complete, sign and mail the rebate application form on pages 4 and 5 (it must be postmarked within 60 days of installation). Be sure to read this application completely. **Note:** Duct Sealing Rebate applicants need to complete the Natural Gas Warm Air Furnace section of the application in addition to the Duct Sealing section, as duct sealing is not eligible for a rebate without an accompanying qualifying furnace installation.

- **Step 3:** Include a paid invoice(s)/receipt(s) indicating:
  - Retailer/Contractor name, business address and phone.
  - Equipment type; manufacturer and model number of **each piece of equipment**.
  - Total installed cost of **each piece of equipment**.
  - Installation date and service address.

### DUCT SEALING APPLICANTS ALSO NEED TO INCLUDE:

- Date of duct pressurization test and duct sealing measure installation.
- Type of materials used for sealing.
- Pretest and post test pressure and leakage rates. (See page 2 for more information specific to duct sealing.)
- **Step 4:** Please keep a copy of all submitted documents for your records.
- **Step 5:** Mail the completed form along with a copy of dated receipt(s)/proof(s) of purchase to:

**NYSEG/RG&E Rebate Program**  
**40 Washington Street, Suite 2000**  
**Westborough, MA 01581**

If your rebate application is complete and you meet all program requirements, a rebate check will be mailed within 4 to 6 weeks. If your application is selected for verification (see page 3, number 5), rebate processing may take additional time.

For questions regarding this program, please call **1.800.995.9525**.

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 For more information about NYSEG and RG&E rebate programs, visit [nyseg.com](http://nyseg.com) or [rge.com](http://rge.com).

Other energy efficiency services may be available from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. For more information, visit [getenergysmart.org](http://getenergysmart.org).

## Program Guidelines and Restrictions

1. Residential natural gas customers of NYSEG and RG&E are eligible to participate in this rebate program.
2. Eligible equipment must be installed at the location corresponding to the NYSEG or RG&E residential natural gas customer account number provided on this rebate application.
3. **If you are a landlord** and own the property where the equipment is to be installed, but you do not have a NYSEG or RG&E natural gas account for this location, you must provide proof of ownership (such as a tax bill or water bill) that includes the address where the eligible equipment is installed.
4. If you do not own the property where the equipment is to be installed, you must have the right or permission from the property owner to install the equipment.
5. **If more than one of the same type of eligible equipment is installed** (e.g., two furnaces or two boilers), complete a separate application for each unit of eligible equipment.
6. Installations must conform to all applicable codes, standards and the rebate **Terms and Conditions** found on page 3.
7. Contractors must conduct a heat loss calculation and size any eligible heating equipment accordingly.
8. Boiler reset controls must be installed on new or existing natural gas non-condensing boilers. Indirect water heaters must be in current production, of well insulated design and installed with a new qualifying natural gas boiler (an indirect water heater uses heat from the main boiler to produce domestic hot water). Programmable thermostats must be installed with new qualifying natural gas furnaces or boilers.
9. This program may be modified or terminated at any time and without notice.

### THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE DUCT SEALING REBATE ONLY:

10. Applicant must have an *existing* HVAC system that is being replaced by a qualifying furnace. **New construction is *not* eligible for this duct sealing rebate.** New ductwork or duct replacement is not eligible for the duct sealing rebate.
11. **The duct sealing rebate applies only to duct systems located entirely in unconditioned spaces such as unheated basements, garages, crawl spaces or attics.** An unconditioned space is an area that does not have a means of heating or cooling and is outside the thermal boundary of a building. Most basements are unintentionally conditioned and are inside the thermal boundary.
12. After new furnace installation, the contractor must conduct a duct pressurization test at 25 Pascals before and after sealing (pretest and post test pressure must be the same). The contractor must use the Duct Blaster® system or equivalent for testing and provide the results on their invoice or on an attached machine printout.
13. Sheet metal and flexible ductwork must be sealed at all exposed or accessible duct connections using UL 181B Mastic, pressure sensitive foil tape (UL 181AP), heat sensitive foil tape (UL 181AH) or similar UL-approved products designed for sealing ducts. Aluminum FSK tape may be used on duct-board systems. **Duct tape is not an allowable duct sealing material.**
14. Duct sealing rebate payments of up to \$600 will be made based on improvements in leakage rate:

Qualifies for payment	Leakage rate before sealing	Reduction in leakage rate due to sealing
Yes	Leakage $\geq$ 40% and $\leq$ 60%	Leakage reduced by at least 50%
Yes	Leakage $>$ 20% and $<$ 40%	Leakage reduced to 20%
No	Leakage $\leq$ 20%	Not applicable

No rebate will be paid if initial duct work test shows TOTAL duct leakage is less than or equal to 20% or more than 60%.

15. Limit one duct sealing rebate per furnace, maximum of two duct sealing systems per building.

## Terms and Conditions

- 1. Customer Eligibility** ➤ Eligible customers must be residential natural gas customers of NYSEG or RG&E with an active utility account or have proof of ownership of a property served by NYSEG or RG&E.
- 2. Equipment Eligibility** ➤ The energy efficiency level of the eligible equipment determines the rebate amount (defined in the High-Efficiency Equipment and Duct Sealing Rebate List on page 1). **The rebate amount cannot exceed the total installed price.**

To be eligible, furnaces and boilers must be Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) or ENERGY STAR® approved. To determine if your equipment qualifies, view the [ahridirectory.org](http://ahridirectory.org) or [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) Web sites. NYSEG/RG&E will provide rebates for approved equipment up to the rebate amount indicated in this application. Projects greater than ten units per account number require pre-approval from NYSEG/RG&E for rebate funds to be reserved. Call **1.800.995.9525** for pre-approval.

Eligible equipment must be installed on or after July 1, 2009. Installations of equipment prior to July 1, 2009 are not eligible for this rebate program.

Eligible equipment must be installed at the address corresponding to the NYSEG/RG&E account number given on the rebate application.

Customers are not eligible to receive a NYSEG or RG&E rebate and a NYSERDA incentive for the **same** energy efficiency measure. To learn more about NYSERDA initiatives, visit NYSERDA's Web site at [getenergysmart.org](http://getenergysmart.org) or call **1.877.NYSMART (1.877.697.6278)**.
- 3. Submission Deadline** ➤ Rebate applications must be filled out completely, signed, accompanied by dated receipt(s) and proof of ownership (when necessary), and **postmarked within 60 days of installation**. Resubmitted information/documentation is processed on a first-come, first-served basis, as received.
- 4. Changes to Residential Natural Gas Equipment and Duct Sealing Rebate Program** ➤ This program may be modified or terminated at any time and without notice. In the event that the rebate amount changes during the course of the program, the application postmark date will be used to determine equipment eligibility and rebate amount.
- 5. Installation Verification** ➤ Prior to or after paying any rebate, NYSEG and RG&E reserve the right to conduct a site visit to verify that the installed equipment is eligible for rebate. The site visit, and all aspects related to the site visit, is conducted solely for such purpose. The site visit is not a safety review and is not intended for any other purposes. A rebate will not be paid if NYSEG/RG&E is not able to conduct any required verification.
- 6. Contractor Verification** ➤ Eligible equipment must be installed by a licensed contractor or a contractor who has provided you with either a Federal ID (tax) number or a Certificate of Insurance. NYSEG and RG&E reserve the right to confirm the validity of your contractor.
- 7. Warranties** ➤ NYSEG, RG&E and the utility rebate administrator do not endorse, guarantee or warrant any particular contractor, manufacturer or installation. NYSEG, RG&E and the utility rebate administrator do not guarantee any energy savings as a result of the purchase and installation of eligible equipment.
- 8. Property Rights** ➤ Rebate applicants hereby represent and warrant that if they do not own the property where the eligible equipment is to be installed, participant has the right and/or consent from the landlord or owner of the property to have the eligible equipment installed.
- 9. Tax Liability** ➤ Rebate recipients of the program may be subject to tax liability for the value of goods and services received through the program pursuant to state or federal income tax codes. NYSEG, RG&E and the utility rebate administrator are not responsible for any tax liability which may be imposed as a result of receipt of the rebates provided by NYSEG or RG&E to the customer.
- 10. Liability & Release** ➤ As part of the consideration for participating in the program, rebate recipients hereby release and shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend NYSEG or RG&E and the utility rebate administrator from any and all claims, losses, harm, costs, liabilities, damages and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the installation of high efficiency equipment at the premises or any material and labor required for such installation.

# Residential Natural Gas Rebate Program Application



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UTILITY:  NYSEG  RG&E

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER: (Equipment Location)     -     -

Contact Name ( ) Day Time Phone ( ) Evening Phone

Fax E-Mail

Address Where Equipment Was Installed City State ZIP

Mailing Address (If Different from Above) City State ZIP

Dwelling Type:  Single Family  Multifamily Approximate Square Footage of Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Home:  1950s or Earlier  1960s to 1980s  1990s or Later

**NATURAL GAS WARM AIR FURNACE:**  Furnace AFUE ≥ 90  Furnace AFUE ≥ 92 w/ ECM  Furnace AFUE ≥ 94 w/ ECM

New Furnace Manufacturer New Model # Total Installed Cost Date Installed

If Available: Old Furnace Manufacturer Old Model # Old AFUE Old Size (Btu/Hr)

Was It:  Natural Gas  Oil  Electric  Propane  Coal  Kerosene  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DUCT SEALING (Natural Gas Warm Air Furnace Section Above Must Be Completed, Applies to Duct Systems Located Entirely in Unconditioned Space)**

Ducts Insulated Before Sealing?  Yes  No Ducts Insulated After Sealing?  Yes  No Does Home Have Central AC?  Yes  No

Pretest Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ Pa Pre Treatment Total Duct Leakage: \_\_\_\_\_ % (Must Be More Than 20% to Qualify)

Post Test Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ Pa Post Treatment Total Duct Leakage: \_\_\_\_\_ % (Must Be 50% Less Than Pre Treatment Leakage or 20% or Less)

Total Duct Sealing Cost Date Installed

**NATURAL GAS BOILER:**  Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 85  Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 90  Steam Boiler AFUE ≥ 82

New Boiler Manufacturer New Model # Total Installed Cost Date Installed

If Available: Old Boiler Manufacturer Old Model # Old AFUE Old Size (Btu/Hr)

Was It:  Natural Gas  Oil  Electric  Propane  Coal  Kerosene  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**BOILER RESET CONTROL (Must Be Separate Piece of Equipment Installed by a Contractor on a New or Existing Natural Gas Fueled Non-Condensing Boiler)**

Boiler Reset Control Manufacturer Model # Total Installed Cost Date Installed

If Boiler Reset Control Was Added to an Existing Boiler, the Following Fields Are Required: Boiler AFUE Boiler Output (Btu/Hr)

**INDIRECT WATER HEATER (Installed by a Contractor at Time of Qualifying Natural Gas Boiler Replacement)**

New Indirect Water Heater Manufacturer New Model # Size (Gallons) Total Installed Cost Date Installed

If Available: Old Water Heater Manufacturer Old Model # Size (Gallons)

Was It:  Natural Gas  Oil  Electric  Propane  Coal  Kerosene  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT(S) (Limit Two Per Account – Must Be Installed by a Contractor at Time of Qualifying Furnace or Boiler Replacement)**

New Programmable Thermostat Manufacturer New Model # Total Installed Cost Date Installed

New Programmable Thermostat Manufacturer New Model # Total Installed Cost Date Installed

# Residential Natural Gas Rebate Program Application

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**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:** (If More Than One Contractor Is Used, a Separate Application Needs to Be Submitted for Each Contractor Regarding the Equipment They Installed)

Company Name			
Company Address	City	State	ZIP
(        )	(        )		
Business Phone	Fax	E-Mail	

**CALCULATE YOUR REBATE:**

EQUIPMENT AND DUCT SEALING	REBATE	REBATE REQUESTED
<input type="radio"/> Furnace AFUE ≥ 90	\$200	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Furnace AFUE ≥ 92 with ECM	\$400	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Furnace AFUE ≥ 94 with ECM	\$600	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 85	\$500	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Water Boiler AFUE ≥ 90	\$1,000	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Steam Boiler AFUE ≥ 82	\$500	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Boiler Reset Control*	\$100	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Indirect Water Heater**	\$300	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Programmable Thermostat(s)** Two rebate limit per account	[ _____ x \$25]	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Duct Sealing***	\$600	\$ _____

**TOTAL Rebate Amount Requested = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**NOTE:** You can make a tax-deductible donation to Project SHARE or the Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund with a portion of your rebate:  \$10  \$20  \$50

Donations to Project SHARE and the Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund help eligible customers pay for energy emergencies such as fuel bills, repairs to heating equipment, home weatherization and water heater replacements. The American Red Cross administers these programs by receiving applications, determining eligibility and distributing the funds. Each dollar donated helps someone in need. Donations made through this rebate program are tax deductible.



**TOTAL Rebate Amount Requested = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Less Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**MY TOTAL REBATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Where did you hear about this program?**  Sales Rep  Heating Contractor  Energy Auditor  Equipment Supplier  Trade Show  Print Advertising  Internet  Utility Bill Insert  Radio/TV  Friend/Family  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK AND SIGN HERE:**

I affirm that this installation has been performed by a licensed contractor or a contractor who provided me with a Federal ID (tax) number or Certificate of Insurance confirming that they perform these installations as a matter of regular business.

By signing this application, I agree to the Terms and Conditions set forth on this application. I acknowledge that NYSEG/RG&E, its company partners, New York agencies and authorities will use this information and my attestation to determine whether a rebate will be issued. I understand that any omissions, misrepresentations or inaccuracies on this application may be a basis for a rebate denial, and I assume full liability for any misrepresentations I make regarding this application. I further acknowledge that I am authorized and hereby grant NYSEG/RG&E express permission to release the data provided in this application and all related account information, including consumption data, to company partners, state agencies and authorities for the purpose of energy efficiency evaluation and energy savings reporting only.

**SIGNATURE OF REBATE RECIPIENT**

**DATE**

**REBATE RECIPIENT NAME** (Please Print)

Mail completed, signed application and all corresponding documentation to:  
**NYSEG/RG&E Rebate Program • 40 Washington Street, Suite 2000 • Westborough, MA 01581**  
 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for your rebate request to be processed.