

## Overview

Financial incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy do exist and are ready for distribution. These are available at both the state and federal level and span vehicles, appliances, and equipment.

## Virginia Rebate Programs

### Virginia Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program

- Arlington homeowners are eligible for a **20% rebate, up to \$2,000**, for the cost of select energy efficient products.
- Products include central air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces and boilers, hot water heaters, programmable thermostats, insulation and replacement windows.
- Additionally, homeowners may qualify for up to **\$250 of the cost of having an energy audit** conducted by a certified auditor or contractor prior to commencement of the recommended energy efficiency work, if needed.
- Homeowners must first **complete an application** form from Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to receive rebates. Rebates distributed on a first come-first served basis.
- Details and more information available online at [www.dmme.virginia.gov](http://www.dmme.virginia.gov).

### Virginia Renewable Energy Rebate Program

- Arlington homeowners are eligible for rebates for the installation of renewable energy generation systems—such as solar or wind systems. Valid on purchases made after June 25, 2009.
- Rebates will be based on the capacity of the generating system.
  - **Photovoltaic systems** are eligible for a **\$2,000 per kilowatt rebate**, up to 10 kilowatts in size.
  - **Solar hot water systems** are eligible for a **\$1,000 per kilowatt rebate**.
  - **Wind systems** are eligible for a **\$1,500 per kilowatt rebate**. These are the types of wind power systems that consumers install to serve their property.

## Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

- For **existing homes**, homeowners can obtain a **30% tax credit, up to \$1,500**, for the purchase and installation of specific products from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2010. **Qualifying products** include energy-efficient windows, insulation, doors, roofs, and heating and cooling equipment.
- For **existing homes and new construction**, homeowners can obtain a **30% tax credit, with no upper limit** through 2016, for specific products. **Qualifying products** include geothermal heat pumps, solar panels, solar water heaters, small wind energy systems, and fuel cells.
- For vehicles, owners can obtain a **tax credit for certain hybrids**, including gasoline-electric, diesel, battery-electric, alternative fuel, fuel cell, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Tax credits for plug-ins ranges from \$2,500-\$7,500; tax credits for all other vehicle types are based on a formula determined by vehicle weight, technology, and fuel economy.
- **To receive the credits**, consumers must claim the tax credit on their 2009 taxes, use 2009 IRS Form 5695.
- Details and more information available online at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

## Additional Resources

- **Renew Virginia** ([www.governor.virginia.gov](http://www.governor.virginia.gov)): For the latest information and updates on the Virginia rebates.
- **Tax Incentives Assistance Project** ([energytaxincentives.org](http://energytaxincentives.org)): For the latest information and updates about using the federal income tax incentives for energy efficient products and technologies.
- **Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR Program** ([www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits)): For a complete list and availability of federal tax credits for energy efficiency, including IRS guidance.
- **American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy** ([www.aceee.org/consumer/](http://www.aceee.org/consumer/)): For a quick reference table summarizing available incentives.
- **Alliance to Save Energy** ([www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org)): For an introduction and general information about the tax credits.
- **Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency** ([www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)): For a list of all rebates available in Virginia.