

2026 Ready Home Electric Program

Colorado: Electric Residential Builders and Contractors

Black Hills Energy encourages residential builders and contractors to incorporate energy efficiency into the construction of new residential homes. The program is designed to demonstrate persistent energy savings, reduce customer's electricity bills, and provide other benefits to end-users, such as improved health, safety and comfort.

The program has two paths:

- **Prescriptive Path** - Builders/contractors put together a customized new construction package by selecting a combination of eligible measures to achieve the required number of points to receive an incentive.
- **Performance Path** - Incentives are based upon achieving specific Home Energy Rating System (HERs) ratings.

Rebate Checklist

Get your rebate check faster by checking off these easy steps before mailing your application form. Incomplete applications may be delayed.

- Determine if the equipment is eligible for a rebate (review Terms and Conditions and Path Information)
- Purchase and install the equipment
- Complete the application
- Prescriptive Path: Attach itemized invoice(s) for equipment and labor including date of installation with the measures spreadsheet (contact Black Hills Energy for copy of spreadsheet at 888-567-0799 or email - bherebates@a-tec.com)
- Performance Path: Attach Home Energy Rating Certificate
- Review Terms and Conditions
- Sign and date application
- Make and retain copies of all documents and application
- Submit application by email or mail

Customer Information

(To be completed by customer)

Account Number

(Located in upper right-hand corner of Black Hills Energy natural gas bill)

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Name _____

(Please print)

New Home Address

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____

Evening _____

Email _____

Completion Date _____

Payee Information

Person/Company/Builder Receiving Incentive

Name _____
(Please print)

C/O _____
(If applicable)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Builder Information

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

The Prescriptive Path

Builders/contractors put together a customized new construction package by selecting a combination of eligible measures to achieve the required number of points to receive an incentive. There are three incentive options based on the number of points achieved and required measures/equipment. **Please contact Black Hills Energy for details on how to submit equipment information at 888-567-0799 or bherebates@a-tec.com**

INCENTIVE OPTIONS		
Option	Requirement	Incentive
Efficient Home	• Must achieve 50 points.	\$1,500
Electric Efficient Home	• Must achieve 75 points. • Electric space and water heating equipment are required.	\$3,500
Advanced Electric Efficient Home	• Must achieve 75 points. • Electric space and water heating equipment are required. • Photovoltaics system must be enrolled in Black Hills Energy's Private On-Site Solar Program.* • ENERGY STAR rated Tier 2 electric vehicle charger is required.**	\$6,000

* Click [HERE](#) for more information on Black Hills Energy's Private On-Site Solar Program.

** Some EV chargers may qualify for an additional rebate. Click [HERE](#) for more information on our EV charger rebates.

PRESCRIPTIVE PATH INCENTIVES		
Type	Eligible Measure	Points
Heating/ Cooling	Evaporative Cooler (>2,500 CFM)	1 Point
	Evaporative Cooler (Media Saturation >85%)	25 Points
	Evaporative Cooler (Whole House Cooler)	25 Points
	Central Air Conditioner (≥ 15.20 SEER2, ≥ 11.9 EER2)	20 Points
	Central Air Conditioner (≥ 16.15 SEER2, ≥ 11.9 EER2)	25 Points
	Air Source Heat Pump (≥ 15.20 SEER2, ≥ 11.9 EER2, ≥ 8.1 HSPF2)	20 Points
	Air Source Heat Pump (≥ 16.15 SEER2, ≥ 11.9 EER2, ≥ 8.1 HSPF2)	25 Points
	Air Source Heat Pump (≥ 17.10 SEER2, ≥ 11.9 EER2, ≥ 8.1 HSPF2)	30 Points
	Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump (≥ 16 SEER2, ≥ 11.88 EER2, ≥ 9.5 HSPF2, ≥ 2.78 COP)	30 Points
	Geothermal Heat Pump (≥ 16 EER2, ≥ 3.3 COP)	35 Points
Envelope	Heat Pump Ductless Mini Split (≥ 15.20 SEER2, ≥ 11.7 EER2, ≥ 7.8 HSPF2)*	25 Points / Unit
	Smart Thermostat*	10 Points / Unit
	Attic Insulation ($\geq R-38$)	5 Points
	Wall Insulation ($\geq R-13$)	5 Points
	Floor Insulation Above Crawlspace ($\geq R-25$)	5 Points
Appliances	Basement Sidewall Insulation ($\geq R-11$)	5 Points
	Rim/Band Joist Insulation ($\geq R-13$)	2 Points
	ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fan	1 Point
	ENERGY STAR Air Purifier	1 Point
	ENERGY STAR Dehumidifier	1 Point
Water Heating	Clothes Washer ($IMEF \geq 2.92, \leq 3.20$ IWF for clothes washers >2.5 Cu. Ft., $IMEF \geq 2.20, \leq 3.70$ IWF for clothes washers ≤ 2.5 Cu. Ft.)	1 Point
	CEE Tier 3 Refrigerator	1 Point
Water Heating	ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Water Heater	35 Points

*Builders can receive points for more than one unit.

The Performance Path

Builders select from two HERs rating options. To receive the incentive, builders must be able to verify that the home meets one of the required HERs ratings.

PERFORMANCE PATH INCENTIVES	
Eligible Measure	Incentive
HERs Index 61-75 (All Electric Heat)	\$2,000 per customer
HERs Index 61-75 (Non-Electric Heat)	\$1,500 per customer
HERs Index ≤ 60 (All Electric Heat)	\$3,000 per customer
HERs Index ≤ 60 (Non-Electric Heat)	\$2,500 per customer

Terms and Conditions

1. The new home must be in a Black Hills Energy Colorado service territory and have an active residential electric account number.
2. Rebates are available for single-family homes (detached or attached homes), duplexes, or multi-family homes (up to three units or row houses).
3. **Homes must be completed between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Applications must be received by January 15, 2027.**
4. To qualify for the rebate, equipment must meet minimum efficiency requirements as listed in this application.
5. Documentation of equipment must be attached to the rebate application. Measure documentation should include manufacturer, model and serial numbers, efficiency rating, measure cost, and date of installation. AHRI certification should be provided for HVAC equipment.
6. Performance Path documentation should include verification of HERs rating by a certified HERs rater.
7. The Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute's (AHRI) Unitary Directory is used to identify product classification, determine efficiency ratings and confirm matched systems. Non-matched assemblies are not certified by the AHRI and are not eligible for rebate. The AHRI directory may be found at www.ahridirectory.org
8. Black Hills Energy is not responsible if your contractor provides inaccurate information about the amount and/or conditions of the actual rebate or equipment eligibility.
9. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first serve basis. The program will end when the budget is depleted. Funds are limited.
10. New equipment must be installed on the premises and must not be purchased for resale. Used/refurbished/repaired/rebuilt equipment does not qualify for this rebate.
11. This program is subject to regulatory rules and orders. Black Hills Energy reserves the right to change or to end any portion of this program without notice.

Send completed application and itemized invoices to:

Black Hills Energy
c/o Energy Efficiency Programs
P.O. Box 5167, Des Moines, IA 50305
Email - bherebates@a-tec.com / Fax: 515-244-8825

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information or to download additional applications visit Energy-Ready.com or call our toll-free help line at 888-567-0799.

Verification

Black Hills Energy reserves the right to verify sales receipts, canceled checks, and installations, and to conduct random inspections to verify installation of the equipment at the address indicated on rebate application. The customer agrees to reasonably provide access to the residence to inspect the HVAC equipment installed. Inspections may be performed up to one year after date of application.

Tax Information

Rebates may be subject to federal and/or state income tax reporting. Applicant is responsible for contacting a qualified tax advisor to determine tax liability. Black Hills Energy is not responsible for any tax consequences of the rebate program.

Disclaimer

Black Hills Energy does not guarantee that installation of equipment qualifying for rebates will result in reduced energy usage or demand, or in cost savings. The Customer will hold harmless Black Hills Energy and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees, and representatives from all claims, liabilities, fines, interest, costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the Customer, for any damage, injury, death, loss or destruction of any kind to persons or property, to the extent the damage, injury, death, loss or destruction arises out of or is related to the conduct, negligence, willful misconduct, misrepresentation, breach of warranty or other breach of this rebate form on the part of Black Hills Energy.

Builder/Applicant Agreement

I certify that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Energy Efficiency Program offered by Black Hills Energy on the front.

Signature _____

Date _____

Builder's Agreement

If incentive is to be paid to someone other than the builder, builder's signature required:

Builder's Signature _____

Date _____

Where did you learn about our rebates?

Bill insert Billboard Door Hanger Email
 Event Facebook Flyer Newspaper Article
 Print Ad Radio TV X(Twitter) Website
 Youtube Other (please specify) _____