

High-efficiency Cooling Equipment Program Overview

Program Description

- The purpose of the program is to encourage Ameren Illinois customers to purchase and install properly sized high efficiency equipment. Eligible units include central air conditioning units or air-source heat pumps with a rating of SEER 14 or greater and ground source heat pumps.
- The Residential HVAC Equipment Program is designed to influence the repair/replace decision in favor of high-efficiency replacement equipment and units that exceed applicable efficiency codes. Incentives are calibrated to (a) make initial investments in higher-efficiency units more cost-effective; (b) induce replacement of inefficient older equipment that might otherwise be kept in operation beyond its estimated useful life, and (c) promote right-sizing, and matched equipment.
- The Program provides incentives to early retire older central air conditioning and heat pumps with a name plate SEER rating of 10 or less and a lesser incentive for equipment replacements where the existing equipment has a name plate SEER rating of greater than 10. In either instance, the new equipment must have a SEER rating of 14 or greater. An additional incentive is provided for new systems that are right sized to 100% of Manual J.
- The incentive amounts will be specifically identified and will be shown on the Program Ally's invoice to the customer as a reduction labeled "Act On Energy Incentive."
- The Residential HVAC Equipment Program is offered to any residential customer that pays their electric bill to Ameren Illinois. Both existing homes and new construction are eligible to participate. Customers must have an active Ameren Illinois electric account.
- All HVAC installations must be performed by refrigeration technicians certified by the EPA to handle and properly dispose of refrigerant through a participating HVAC contractor.

How the Program Works

An Incentive Application must be submitted by a participating program ally upon the installation of a qualifying HVAC unit. The key steps are as follows:

- The first step in the equipment replacement process is to determine the name plate SEER rating of the existing equipment so that eligibility for early retirement can be assessed. Secondly, the contractor must make sure that the new high efficiency HVAC unit that is going to be installed qualifies for the program incentive, and that the customer meets program eligibility criteria. Program eligibility requirements are communicated to all participating contractors in their participation agreements and through the program description on the ActonEnergy.com website. It is the responsibility of the participating contractor to verify equipment both existing and new equipment eligibility prior to installation and inform the customer of available incentives.
- The early retirement incentive for replacement of existing units with a SEER of 10 or less requires a Reservation # and a 48 hour waiting period. The Program Ally must email the Program office with the make and model # of the existing unit. The Program Office then verifies that the unit qualifies within 48 hours. Once verified, a Reservation # is issued. At the discretion of the Program, sites will be pre-inspected to confirm the information supplied by the Ally.
- The Incentive Application Form and any accompanying documentation must be mailed to Act On Energy, Attention New HVAC Equipment, 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, IL 61602.
- When the Incentive Application is received, a program representative will determine if the Incentive Application is complete and whether the installed HVAC unit meets the program eligibility requirements. If there are any questions about the Incentive Application Form or information is incomplete, the contractor will be contacted. If the Incentive Application is deemed to be ineligible for payment, the contractor will be notified of the reason for rejection.
- As part of the Incentive Application Form review process, the Residential HVAC Equipment Program may choose to conduct a site visit to verify the new HVAC equipment information.
- Payment of approved Incentive Applications will be made directly to the Program Ally along with documentation of what is being paid for each application received in the previous calendar month.

Please direct all correspondence to:

Ameren Illinois Act On Energy Residential Programs
300 Liberty Street, 4th Floor, Peoria, IL 61602

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Residential HVAC Equipment Program Allies – Program Participation Agreement

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning contractors participating in the Residential HVAC Equipment Program will be required to sign a Participation Agreement that includes the following requirements:

- Abide by all Local, State and Federal guidelines, applicable laws, building codes, regulations and licensing requirements
- Agreement to utility and program protocols for marketing and communicating program services. Use of the utility name or logo is prohibited except as expressly authorized by the utility and the program
- Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the program and the utility from claims of any kind arising out of or connected with acts or omissions in the performance or nonperformance of program services
- Participation in the program is voluntary and may be terminated by either party at any time or for any reason without penalty
- Provide proof of adequate insurance coverage and maintain continuing coverage
- Agree to scheduled spot check inspections by the program, utility, and/or measurement and evaluation contractors for verification purposes
- Provide or maintain for a minimum storage period the necessary supporting documentation of services rendered including invoices and site assessment reports
- Be responsible for **proper** disposal of all materials, including proper recycling of refrigerant and lawful and safe handling of any hazardous materials

Eligible Measures and Incentive Amounts

- Early retirement of an existing air conditioning or heat pump unit with a name plate SEER rating of 10 or less replaced with a forced air HVAC units (14 SEER, air conditioning or heat pump) - \$600
- Replacement of an existing air conditioning or heat pump unit with a name plate SEER rating of greater than 10 with a forced air HVAC unit (14 SEER, air conditioning or heat pump) - \$110
- Ground Source Heat Pump - \$600
- Right-sizing or down-sizing to 100% of Manual J - \$120

Questions

Information and program forms for the Act On Energy HVAC Programs is available online at ActOnEnergy.com or by calling 866-838-6918.

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