

## HELP FROM THE STATE

### Support for Energy Efficiency through NHSaves

While efforts at the national level have grabbed most of the recent headlines, New Hampshire has long had in place a program to help residents and businesses save money by making their electricity use more efficient. Known as “NHSaves,” this is a state-legislated program, funded by ratepayers (through a portion of their electricity bill), and administered by the state’s public utilities. It is estimated to generate \$2.27 in benefits for Granite Staters for every dollar invested. While benefits to individuals are (with a few exceptions) not as generous as those from the federal Inflation Reduction Act, they are significant. And the two can be combined! However, a survey has shown that many folks don’t understand the types of support available under NHSaves or how to access them. The table below is designed to help. (Note that this info is for residents only; interested businesses can link to [NHSaves](#).)

Service or Product	Benefit	Qualifications
<b>Home energy audit</b>	<b>\$100</b> cost: under market; refund if do weatherization (below)	Online self-test of home energy use
<b>Weatherization:</b> air sealing, insulation, HVAC upgrades	Access to contractor list; rebate up to <b>\$6,000</b> on project cost	Audit results show need; note backlogs in current program
<b>Home Energy Assistance (HEA):</b> weatherization work	Up to <b>100%</b> of project cost	Low-income, certified by Community Action Agency
<b>Appliance upgrade:</b> selected examples below	<b>Rebates</b> at retailer, through contractor, online, or mail-in	ENERGY STAR certification for appliances
<b>Heat pump/central AC</b>	<b>\$250</b> (mail-in only)	
<b>Heat pump hot water htr</b>	<b>\$750</b>	Previous rebates a disqualifier
<b>Clothes dryer</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
<b>Room AC</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
<b>Appliance turn-in:</b> old ACs and dehumidifiers	<b>\$30</b> rebate per unit; events at NH locations; see <a href="#">schedule</a>	
<b>New home construction;</b> also complete rehab	Utility guidance; up to <b>\$4,000</b> savings	Must show 15-30% > efficiency than typical new home
<b>Button-up workshops:</b> free 1.5 hr on home energy efficiency	Held in-person at communities around state, and online	Online workshops require tickets: <a href="#">eventbrite</a>

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