

## **EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> Smart Thermostat Guidelines**



If you have a home Wi-Fi connection and a central air-conditioning or heat pump system, you may qualify for an EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> incentive of up to \$100 for installing a qualifying smart thermostat. Smart thermostat technology is most beneficial for households that have extended periods during the day when no one is home, those that turn their thermostat down during bedtime hours or those that have irregular occupancy through the week, month or year.

## **Incentives**

Primary Electric Heat (Professionally Installed)	\$100
Primary Electric Heat (Customer Installed)	\$75
Primary Fossil-Fuel Heat (Professionally Installed)	\$50
Primary Fossil-Fuel Heat (Customer Installed)	\$25

## **Qualifications**

- Eligible smart thermostats must be an ENERGYSTAR-certified Smart Thermostat.
   Check with Perennial for eligibility. A list of eligible smart thermostats can be found at http://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-connected-thermostats/results
- Confirm your home's HVAC system is compatible with the selected thermostat.
- Install the thermostat (professional installation is recommended) and ensure an operative Wi-Fi connection.
- Complete and submit incentive application with proof-of-purchase to Perennial. If professionally installed, submit copy of your contractor's invoice.

## **Guidelines**

- Smart thermostats must be purchased and installed on or after January 1, 2019. Completed application
  and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Perennial no later than January 20th of the
  following year. All other thermostat installations do not qualify.
- Only Residential customers/owners that have a home Wi-Fi connection and a central air conditioning or heat pump system qualify for Smart Thermostat energy efficiency incentives. Duplexes and multifamily dwellings in which each residence is individually metered are eligible. Commercial, Industrial and other customer classes do not qualify.
- Offer is limited to one incentive per residential central forced-air heating and cooling (HVAC) system and up to two (2) qualifying systems per household.
- New construction or additions to existing dwellings do not qualify. To be eligible for an incentive,a cottage/cabin must be heated during the winter months of October through May.
- For applicants of rented or leased residences, applicant must receive permission from the property owner to install the equipment. Submission of an application indicates that the tenant has obtained this permission.
- "Professionally Installed" is the term used in this program to identify that the installation was completed by a qualified professional contractor. Most often this will be a heating and cooling contractor. If professionally installed, a copy of contractor invoicing is required to be eligible for the additional \$25 incentive.
- Qualifying Smart Thermostats must be purchased, installed and connected through a permanent, home-based Wi-Fi connection before an energy efficiency incentive is issued. Upon request of the local electric utility, the customer will provide proof of an operative Wi-Fi connection with the smart thermostat.
- An incentive will be provided to the person responsible for purchasing and installing the Smart Thermostat. No incentive(s) will be paid without the completion of the application form. The application form must then be signed by the owner and installing contractor (if applicable). The completed application form and a copy of sales receipt(s) or invoice(s) identifying the Brand, Model Number, Purchase Date, and Retailer Name must accompany each smart thermostat incentive application when submitted to Perennial for processing. Please allow 45 days for delivery of incentives. Submitting an application with incomplete or missing information may delay processing of the incentive.
- The incentive payment or account credit to the person responsible for purchasing and installing the Smart Thermostat will come directly from Perennial.
- Perennial reserves the right to do random spot checks of installations to ensure program compliance.
- Participating electric utilities are those that are wholesale customers of Nebraska Public Power District.
- NPPD will make final determination of program compliance decisions and reserves the right to cancel the program with 30 days' notice.
- Neither the Perennial nor Nebraska Public Power District warrant the performance of any material either expressly or implicitly. Contact the manufacturer, supplier or contractor for details regarding material warranties.
- Program is subject to the Terms and Conditions as outlined on the application and to the General Guidelines.

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