

# CASH INCENTIVES

## For Washington home energy improvements



Energy Trust of Oregon offers the following cash incentives to help homeowners who are Washington customers of NW Natural make energy-saving home improvements. All improvements, except installation of ceiling and floor insulation, must be installed in Washington by an Energy Trust contractor, or any other licensed contractor with a current Washington contractor's license. Potential federal tax credits for all improvements are also listed.

### ENERGY TRUST CASH INCENTIVES\*

February 1, 2010-April 30, 2010

#### AIR LEAKAGE TEST

**\$35 per site tested, Requirements:** Contractor must perform Blower Door air leakage test; contractor's invoice must list pre-CFM<sub>50</sub> (and post-CFM<sub>50</sub> if applicable) numbers. Test-only incentives are available; visit [www.energytrust.org/airsealing](http://www.energytrust.org/airsealing) for details.

#### AIR SEALING

**50% of cost**, up to \$275 for gas-heated homes

**Requirements:** Contractor must perform Blower Door air leakage test; Minimum Ventilation Level shall be at or above the program threshold (limit waived with approved mechanical ventilation); contractor must install a UL-listed carbon monoxide detector when a combustion appliance exists; contractor's invoice must list pre- and post-CFM<sub>50</sub> numbers, pre- and post-ACH<sub>50</sub> numbers and locations of air sealing; and minimum 300 CFM<sub>50</sub> reduction must be achieved; visit [www.energytrust.org/airsealing](http://www.energytrust.org/airsealing) for details.

**Cash-back bonus available:** \$150 Home Comfort package—visit [www.energytrust.org/bonuspackage](http://www.energytrust.org/bonuspackage) for requirements.

### POTENTIAL FEDERAL TAX CREDITS\*\*

January 1, 2009-December 31, 2010

No tax credit available at this time.

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**DUCT LEAKAGE TEST**

**\$35 per duct system tested, Requirement:** Duct leakage test must be performed by a PTCS-certified contractor and to PTCS testing procedures. Test-only incentives are available; visit [www.energytrust.org/ductsealing](http://www.energytrust.org/ductsealing) for details.

**DUCT SEALING**

**50% of cost**, up to \$325 per duct system for gas-heated homes

**Requirements:** Ducts must be in unconditioned space; duct sealing must be performed by a Performance Tested Comfort Systems (PTCS)-certified contractor, who must perform a duct leakage test; contractor must install a UL-listed carbon monoxide detector when a combustion appliance exists; minimum 150 CFM<sub>50</sub> reduction and minimum 50% reduction must be achieved, or the final CFM<sub>50</sub> numbers shall be less than 10% of the floor area of the conditioned space; and contractor must submit a PTCS Duct Sealing Certificate and NW Duct Sealing Form to Energy Trust.

**WINDOWS**

**\$2.25 per square foot, Requirements:** U-Value=0.30 or lower; windows must be installed with one of the following: attic/ceiling insulation, wall insulation, floor insulation, gas furnace, boiler, tankless water heater, duct sealing or air sealing; both improvements must qualify and be installed within 90 days of each other, and applications must be received within 90 days of the initial installation; and application must include documentation from windows manufacturer, showing proof of window dimensions and U-Values.

Example, average incentive paid for six windows with an area of 12 square feet each is \$162.

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### INSULATION

**Attic/ceiling: \$0.25 per square foot, Requirement:** *If R-18 or less, must insulate to R-38.*

**Floor: \$0.30 per square foot, Requirement:** *If R-11 or less, must insulate to R-30, or fill cavity.*

**Wall: \$0.30 per square foot, Requirements:** *If R-4 or less, must insulate to R-11, or fill cavity; all heated exterior wall surfaces must be insulated.*

**Kneewall: \$0.30 per square foot, Requirements:** *If R-4 or less, must insulate to R-15 for 2x4 cavities, R-21 for 2x6 cavities, or fill cavities; must have vapor permeable air barrier.*

**Duct: 50% of cost, up to \$100, Requirements:** *If R-2 or less, must insulate to R-11; PTCS duct testing and duct sealing must be done prior to duct insulating.*

**Boiler pipe: \$0.50 per linear foot, Requirement:** *If R-2 or less, must insulate to R-8.*

Example, in a typical 1,200-square-foot house, average incentive paid for ceiling insulation is \$300, and \$360 for floor insulation. Even more cash back is available for insulating walls, kneewalls, ducts and boiler pipes.

**Self-installation:** Attic/ceiling and floor insulation can be self-installed. Call us at 1.866.368.7878 before beginning work to receive pre-approval.

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**GAS FURNACE****\$100, Requirements:** 90% AFUE, or greater; furnace must be used as primary heat source.**DIRECT VENT GAS UNIT HEATER****\$100, Requirement:** 80% AFUE, or greater.**DIRECT VENT GAS UNIT FIREPLACE**

Direct vent gas unit fireplace must be vented to outside with sealed combustion. Intended for homes that use the fireplace as the primary heat source.

**\$100, Requirement:** 65% Fireplace Efficiency, or greater.**\$150, Requirement:** 70% Fireplace Efficiency, or greater.**GAS BOILER****\$200, Requirement:** 88% AFUE, or greater.**WATER HEATER****Gas tankless water heater: \$200, Requirement:** 0.80 EF, or greater.**Gas tank water heater: \$35, Requirement:** 0.62 EF, or greater.**POTENTIAL  
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## How to receive cash back for completed energy-efficiency home improvements\*

### 1 Establish your eligibility, and identify energy-saving opportunities in your home.

Visit [www.energytrust.org/nwnwa](http://www.energytrust.org/nwnwa) or call 1.866.368.7878 to request a one-hour Home Energy Review for your home and identify energy-saving opportunities.

Or, put your home on the ultimate energy fitness plan by scheduling a 3–4 hour comprehensive Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® home assessment, performed by a specially trained and certified contractor, who will evaluate and test your home's energy efficiency, indoor air quality and safety. (There is a fee for the Home Performance assessment, which varies by contractor.)

### 2 Install energy-efficient home improvements.

Contact an Energy Trust contractor, or any other Washington-licensed contractor, to discuss and schedule installation of eligible energy-saving improvements. To see a list of Energy Trust contractors, visit [www.energytrust.org/nwnwa](http://www.energytrust.org/nwnwa) or call 1.866.368.7878.

Your Energy Trust contractor can also help you with low-interest financing available with GreenStreet Lending through Umpqua Bank (an Equal Housing Lender).

To install your own ceiling or floor insulation, call us at 1.866.368.7878 before beginning work to receive pre-approval.

### 3 Sign and submit forms.

After the work is complete, submit a copy of your contractor's invoice marked "paid in full," along with the appropriate incentive form within 90 days of installation to: Home Energy Solutions, P.O. Box 847, Portland, Oregon 97207, or fax to 1.866.516.7592. Ask your contractor to help you fill out the forms. (Incentive forms are also available online at [www.energytrust.org/nwnwa](http://www.energytrust.org/nwnwa).) We will mail your incentive check six to eight weeks after we receive your invoice and completed form with all necessary information.

## Rules and requirements\*

- You must own a home located in Washington, and must primarily heat the home with energy supplied by NW Natural.
- Energy Trust incentives are effective until April 30, 2010, and may be subject to change; incentives cannot exceed cost. Federal tax credits may be subject to change; please contact a tax advisor for complete details.
- All improvements must be installed by an Energy Trust contractor or any other Washington-licensed contractor, except for self-installation of ceiling and floor insulation.
- Special restrictions apply. Before installation, encourage your contractor to review the full requirements and to read the Weatherization Specifications Manual for detailed requirements, available at [www.energytrust.org/wxspecc](http://www.energytrust.org/wxspecc).  
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## Resources

- U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—[www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- ENERGY STAR—[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- Energy Federation Incorporated—[www.efi.org](http://www.efi.org)
- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy—[www.aceee.org](http://www.aceee.org)
- Efficient Windows Collaborative—[www.efficientwindows.org](http://www.efficientwindows.org)
- GreenStreet Lending—[www.greenstreetloan.com](http://www.greenstreetloan.com)
- Washington Association of Building Officials—[www.wabo.org](http://www.wabo.org)