



# CUBFacts

## Energy Efficiency Programs for ComEd Customers

### Discounts on Energy Efficient Lighting

Under the ComEd Smart Ideas® program, you can receive instant in-store discounts on select ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs and LED fixtures. Look for the ComEd “Lower Price” sticker to save on a variety of energy-efficient light bulbs at participating retail stores. No coupon is required — prices shown reflect the instant discount.



#### Batteries Plus Bulbs

Costco (*members only*)

Do It Best (Crafty Beaver)

Dollar General

Dollar Tree

Goodwill Stores

#### Habitat for Humanity

Jewel Osco

Meijer

Northwest Electric Supply

Sam’s Club (*members only*)

Walgreens

### Why are LEDs better than incandescent bulbs?

- LEDs use 75% less energy
- LEDs last at least 15X longer
- LEDs can save up to \$230

For specific retailer locations, visit [ComEd.com/LightingRetailers](http://ComEd.com/LightingRetailers). Limit of 24 bulbs and 6 fixtures per customer.

### Fridge & Freezer Recycling

Don’t just throw away your old, working refrigerator, freezer or window air conditioner. ComEd will pay residential customers \$50 to pick up and responsibly dispose of up to two old refrigerators and freezers for FREE, and \$10 for a working room air conditioner. (The EPA estimates that your old refrigerator alone can cost up to \$150 a year to operate.)



To qualify for recycling, your refrigerators and/or freezer must be:

- Between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size.
- Empty, defrosted, and working at the time of pick-up
- Accessible with a clear path for removal by contractor
- Removable without risk of injury or modification of your home.
- Owned by you and located at the address with the qualifying ComEd account.

To schedule a pick-up call 1-855-433-2700 or visit [ComEd.com/FridgeRecycling](http://ComEd.com/FridgeRecycling). [Note: To receive a window air conditioner rebate, you must schedule pickup for a refrigerator or freezer.]

### Energy Efficiency Loans

Qualify for special financing on the purchase and installation of approved high efficiency products. Utility Energy Efficiency Loans provide financing for eligible homeowners, owners of residential buildings of 50 units or less and owners of small business buildings. Your loan payment is conveniently added to your monthly ComEd bill.

### Eligibility

- Be a homeowner, duplex owner, condominium owner or residential building (with up to four units) owner.
- Be a current ComEd customer with an active ComEd account number.

- Purchase an eligible product from a participating contractor or retailer.
- Have a credit score of 640 or greater if you are a residential customer.



### Program Details

You must pre-qualify for your loan prior to the purchase of qualifying products. The interest rate is currently at 5.74% for residential loans and 5.99% for multi-family and small business loans. Find out more information and pre-qualify for your loan by applying at [ILEnergyLoan.com](http://ILEnergyLoan.com) or call **1-855-433-2700**.

Residential Financing is currently available for Energy Star Refrigerators, High Efficiency Central Air Conditioners, and Weatherization (\*all-electric homes only).

### Central AC Cycling

ComEd will give you \$5 or \$10 off your monthly electric bill between June and September for allowing the utility to remotely cycle your central air-conditioner off and on during the hottest days of the year.

Only the compressor gets cycled off. The fan will continue to circulate already cooled air, so you may not even notice a difference in your home. But such programs can make a big difference by reducing electricity demand on hot summer days to help prevent power outages, lower rates, and improve the environment.

You can choose between two cycling options:

#### 1.) 50 percent

Time: Weekdays (excluding holidays), 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Unit cycles off: Maximum of 15 minutes every half hour (if needed)

You receive: \$5 credit/month per household, June 1 through September 30. The total credit will be \$20.

**2.) 100 percent** (if someone in your household is home during most of the day or has a medical condition this option is not recommended).

Time: Weekdays (excluding holidays), 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Unit cycles off: Up to 3 hours for a full air conditioning interruption (turns air conditioner off) or can be cycled up to 6 hours like the 50% cycling option at ComEd's discretion.

You receive: \$10 credit per month per household, June 1 through September 30. The total credit will be \$40.

To participate in the program, call **1-800-986-0070** or enroll online at [www.comed.com/accycling](http://www.comed.com/accycling).

If you own a Nest Thermostat, you can participate in "Rush Hour Rewards," a variation on ComEd's AC Cycling program. Visit [nest.com/energy-partners/comed/](http://nest.com/energy-partners/comed/) for more information and to sign up.

### Rebates

ComEd offers rebates for qualifying, energy-efficient appliances and home products, high-efficiency central air conditioners and heat pumps, weatherization improvements and more.

Review eligibility requirements and complete rebate applications (online and printable) at [www.comed.com/rebates](http://www.comed.com/rebates).

### Heating and Cooling Rebates

\*All installations completed on or after January 1, 2018 must be performed by a ComEd Residential Trade Ally. Find a Trade Ally by visiting [www.comedrebates.com/FindaTradeAlly](http://www.comedrebates.com/FindaTradeAlly).

Equipment	Type	Rebate Amount
Central Air Conditioner	≥ 18 Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER)	\$450
Central Air Conditioner	≥ 16 SEER	\$350
Central Air Conditioner	≥ 15 SEER	\$250
Air Source Heat Pump	≥ 18 SEER	\$600
Air Source Heat Pump	≥16 SEER	\$500
Air Source Heat Pump	≥14.5 SEER	\$400
Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump	≥ 17 SEER and ≥ 9.5 HSPF	\$400
Furnace Blower Motor (ECM)	Factory-installed	\$50
Furnace Blower Motor (ECM)	Upgraded fan in an existing furnace or air handler	\$100
Heat Pump Water Heater	≤ 55 Gallons	\$400
Geothermal Heat Pump	Installation must be pre-approved and completed by a ComEd Geothermal Trade Ally.	up to \$6,000/home

### Appliance Rebates

ENERGY STAR® Appliance	Size Requirement	Rebate Amount
Refrigerator	≥ 7.75 Cubic Feet	\$50
Freezer	≥7.75 Cubic Feet	\$25
Clothes Washer	No size restriction	\$50
Electric Clothes Dryer	≥4.4 Cubic Feet	\$50
Air Purifier	No size restriction	\$50
Room Air Conditioner	No size restriction	\$25
Ventilation Fan	No size restriction	\$25
Water Dispenser	Hot/cold combination	\$25
Dehumidifier	No size restriction	\$25

### Thermostat Rebates

Equipment	Type	Rebate Amount
Smart Thermostat	Rebate is limited to the following products: ecobee3, ecobee3 lite, ecobee4, Nest Thermostat E, Nest Learning Thermostat, Bryant Housewise:T6-WEM01-A, Carrier Cor:TP-WEM01-A, and EcoFactor: simple 100. Qualifying product must be installed (by you or a contractor) and registered before December 31, 2018.	\$100

### Weatherization Rebates

Improvement	Quantity	Maximum Rebate
Attic Insulation	\$0.30-\$0.50/square foot	\$300
Air Sealing	\$0.40/CFM50	\$400
Duct Sealing	\$300/system	\$500
Wall Insulation	\$0.50/square foot	\$400

For more information on the above rebates, call 1-855-433-2700 or visit: <http://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/RebatesDiscounts.aspx>.

## Hourly Pricing Program

The ComEd Hourly Pricing program is a supply option that gives you power to take more control over your electricity usage and costs. While savings are not guaranteed, typical program participants have saved an average of more than 15% on their electricity supply costs, compared to what they would have paid on the standard ComEd fixed-price rate.

### How does the program work?

Participants pay wholesale market prices, which fluctuate hourly, instead of the traditional averaged “flat” rate. Individual bills will vary month to month, based on weather, market conditions and your usage habits. Generally, the more you avoid using electricity when prices are high, the more you potentially could save.

Central Air Conditioning Cycling, Peak Time Savings, and Hourly Pricing are designed to curb our consumption of electricity on hot days, when usage and prices are highest.

### What are the program benefits?

- Participants have more control over electricity use, and consequently, more opportunity to save.
- The program eases stress on the electric grid, especially during high demand periods, leading to more reliable service and lower carbon emissions.

### Who benefits from the program?

- If your monthly electric bill is greater than \$50
- If you heat your home with electricity
- If you own an electric vehicle
- If you are able to shift electricity use to off-peak times

### What is Load Guard Automated Price Response Service?

Load Guard is an optional program for customers on hourly pricing. It switches your central air conditioner into “conservation mode” for two hours when prices reach a certain high level, which you set at 14¢ per kWh. You can change your settings each day, if desired. (*Please note: You must be enrolled in ComEd’s Central Air Conditioning Cycling program to enroll in Load Guard.*)

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.hourlypricing.comed.com](http://www.hourlypricing.comed.com) or call 1-888-202-7787.

## Peak Time Savings

If your home has a smart meter, you’ll be eligible to enroll in ComEd’s Peak Time Savings program and earn a credit on your electric bill when you participate voluntarily on days with Peak Time Savings Hours. There is no cost to enroll and you can remain in the program for as long as you like.

### Peak Time Savings Hours:

Peak Time Savings Hours will typically occur three to five days each summer—for a few hours between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Act and Save

The amount of credits you earn on your electric bill will be based on your current electricity usage. For every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity you save, you will earn a credit of \$1.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.comed.com/pts](http://www.comed.com/pts) or call 1-844-852-0347.

## Multi-Family Efficiency

Tenants who live in multi-family residences are encouraged to let their landlord or property manager know about the multi-family energy savings opportunities offered by ComEd, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas.

Once the property is enrolled and a FREE assessment is completed, trained technicians will install FREE energy-saving products throughout the tenant spaces. These products may include:

- ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs
- Programmable thermostats
- WaterSense® certified showerheads
- Faucet aerators for bathrooms and kitchens
- Hot water pipe insulation
- Advanced power strips

Additional energy efficiency recommendations and incentives within common area spaces are available to multi-family building owners and managers. Call **1-855-433-2700** to schedule an appointment for a free energy assessment and installation of free energy-saving products.

### **Home Energy Assessment**

ComEd customers have opportunities to reduce the energy usage in their home through a FREE Home Energy Assessment. To bring you both electric and natural gas savings, ComEd has partnered with your natural gas utility.

Reduce energy and water use with FREE installation of the following FREE products:

- ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs
- Programmable thermostat
- WaterSense® certified showerheads
- Faucet aerators in bathroom & kitchen sinks
- Hot water pipe insulation
- Advanced power strips

Ecobee 4 and ecobee 3 light smart thermostats are available for purchase at a discount and include FREE installation. Only smart thermostats purchased during the assessment are eligible for installation.

During your FREE assessment, you will also receive a personalized report identifying additional ways to save.

### **Participate**

Owners of single-family homes, two-flats, condos and townhomes are eligible. Some three and four unit buildings may be eligible; please call **1-855-433-2700** to verify. Renters in these building types are also eligible, with permission from their landlord.

*If you have any additional questions about these programs, please call CUB at 1-800-669-5556, and ask for Christina Uzzo, environmental outreach coordinator. CUB works hard to maintain the accuracy and timeliness of this information, but programs often change and/or run out of money. CUB is not responsible for the administration of any of the programs described in this fact sheet. If you are having trouble applying for or receiving benefits from any of the programs described above, please contact the administrator of that program. Please notify CUB if you find any inaccuracies here.*