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## RESIDENTIAL : FEDERAL PROGRAMS

What is Subsidized?	Type of Subsidy	Rate and Restrictions	Program/Further Information
Solar electric systems	Income tax credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% up to \$2,000 per installation</li> <li>• Ends 12/31/2008</li> </ul>	2006 income tax form 5695 <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a> "Guide to Federal Tax Incentives for Solar Energy" found at: <a href="http://www.seia.org">www.seia.org</a>
Solar water heating	Income tax credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% up to \$2,000 per installation</li> <li>• Ends 12/31/2008</li> </ul>	2006 income tax form 5695 <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a> "Guide to Federal Tax Incentives for Solar Energy" found at: <a href="http://www.seia.org">www.seia.org</a>
New homes	Income tax credit paid to the builder, NOT buyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,000 (Energy consumption 50% below standard)</li> <li>• \$1,000 (Energy consumption 30% below standard)</li> <li>• Requires certification by eligible rater</li> <li>• Ends 12/31/2008</li> </ul>	2006 income tax form 8908 <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Hybrid-electric drive or diesel engine passenger vehicles	Income tax credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies with model and calendar date</li> <li>• Ends 12/31/2010</li> </ul>	Form 8910: Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit See: <a href="http://www.aceee.org/transportation/hybtaxcred.htm">http://www.aceee.org/transportation/hybtaxcred.htm</a> <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Passive solar space heat, solar water heat, solar space heat, photovoltaics, daylighting	FHA insured loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low and moderate incomes</li> <li>• Used in conjunction with FHA-insured home purchase or refinance mortgage</li> <li>• 5% of home value or \$4,000</li> </ul>	Federal Energy Efficient Mortgage Program <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/eem/energy-r.cfm">http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/eem/energy-r.cfm</a>

The following federal tax incentives for building envelope and appliances apply only for equipment placed in service before December 31, 2007. A bill which extends this deadline is currently under consideration in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf>)

Energy efficient windows	Income tax credit	\$200 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Furnace and boilers	Income tax credit	\$200 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Circulating fans	Income tax credit	\$150 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Insulation, storm windows and doors	Income tax credit	\$50 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Efficient water heaters: natural gas, propane, oil, (energy factor > 0.8) or heat pump	Income tax credit	Up to \$500 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>
Energy efficient heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps	Income tax credit	\$300 per year	2007 income tax form 5695 ( <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf</a> ) <a href="http://www.energytaxincentives.org/">http://www.energytaxincentives.org/</a>

## RESIDENTIAL : STATE OF MAINE PROGRAMS

What is Subsidized?	Type of Subsidy	Rate and Restrictions	Program/Further Information
Solar water heating Solar air heating	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% up to \$2,500</li> <li>• Installed by certified installer</li> <li>• All funds have been allocated for calendar year 2008 and 2009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maine Solar Energy Rebate Program</b></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.energycymaine.com/renewable_programs_solar.htm">http://www.energycymaine.com/renewable_programs_solar.htm</a></li> </ul>
Solar-electric panels (photovoltaic)	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.00 per watt, up to \$2,000</li> <li>• Installed by Certified Installer</li> <li>• All funds have been allocated for calendar year 2008 and 2009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maine Solar Energy Rebate Program</b></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.energycymaine.com/renewable_programs_solar.htm">http://www.energycymaine.com/renewable_programs_solar.htm</a></li> </ul>
Wind turbine	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undetermined – rulemaking underway</li> <li>• Availability begins January 2009</li> </ul>	Richard Fortier, Maine Public Utilities Commission, (207) 287-3319 <a href="mailto:richard.fortier@maine.gov">richard.fortier@maine.gov</a> .
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) and ENERGY STAR fixtures	Cash rebate redeemed at cash register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.00 per CFL package and \$12/fixture</li> <li>• 25 lamps per coupon and 12 fixtures</li> <li>• Available at many hardware stores, home supply stores and grocery stores</li> <li>• Ends 12/31/2008</li> </ul>	<b>Energy Star Residential Lighting Program</b> <a href="http://www.energycymaine.com/residential_programs.htm">http://www.energycymaine.com/residential_programs.htm</a> To locate a participating store: <a href="http://www.energycymaine.com/residential_programs_esrl_rl.htm">http://www.energycymaine.com/residential_programs_esrl_rl.htm</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home energy audits</li> <li>• Insulation, air sealing, and weather stripping</li> <li>• Heating system repair or replacement</li> <li>• ENERGY STAR rated windows and appliances</li> <li>• Storm doors and storm windows</li> <li>• Ventilation and moisture controls</li> <li>• Roof repairs (if attic is insulated to a minimum R38 value)</li> </ul>	Low interest loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest rate 3.95%</li> <li>• No down payment</li> <li>• Up to \$30,000</li> <li>• Most households (115% of median income) qualify</li> </ul>	<b>Home Energy Loan Program: Maine State Housing Authority</b> Program information: <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSHelp.aspx?ProgramID=32">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSHelp.aspx?ProgramID=32</a> Eligibility: <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATAIcomeLimitsHelp.html">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATAIcomeLimitsHelp.html</a>

The following grants are available to low-income households

Home heating fuel	Grant: Paid to supplier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility: Income below 170% of federal poverty guidelines</li> </ul>	<p><b>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</b>  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSLiheap.aspx?ProgramID=37">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSLiheap.aspx?ProgramID=37</a>            Apply at the nearest Community Action Program office:  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4</a></p>
Electricity	Grant: Applied to electric bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility: Also eligible for LIHEAP</li> <li>• You do not receive a housing subsidy that limits your total housing costs (including utilities) to a fixed percentage of your household income</li> </ul>	<p><b>Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP)</b>  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSLiap.aspx?ProgramID=36">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSLiap.aspx?ProgramID=36</a>            Apply at the nearest Community Action Program office:  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4</a></p>
New refrigerator, freezer, CFLs and LED nightlights	Grant: 100% of cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility: Also eligible for LIHEAP</li> </ul>	<p><b>Appliance Replacement Program</b>  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSApplianceReplacement.aspx?ProgramID=28">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSApplianceReplacement.aspx?ProgramID=28</a>            Apply at the nearest Community Action Program office:  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4</a></p>
Home insulation Caulking Weather-stripping	Grant: 100% of cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility: Also eligible for LIHEAP</li> </ul>	<p><b>Weatherization</b>  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSWeatherization.aspx?ProgramID=49">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSWeatherization.aspx?ProgramID=49</a>            Apply at the nearest Community Action Program office:  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4</a></p>
Repair or replace central heating systems	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility: Also eligible for LIHEAP</li> </ul>	<p><b>Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP)</b>  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSWeatherization.aspx?ProgramID=49">http://www.mainehousing.org/PROGRAMSWeatherization.aspx?ProgramID=49</a>            Apply at the nearest Community Action Program office:  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4">http://www.mainehousing.org/DATACapAgencies.aspx?PageCMD=4</a></p>