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Mainers' Guide to Climate Incentives

Financial support from state and federal programs can help you make smart, climate-friendly investments in your home, transportation, business, and more.

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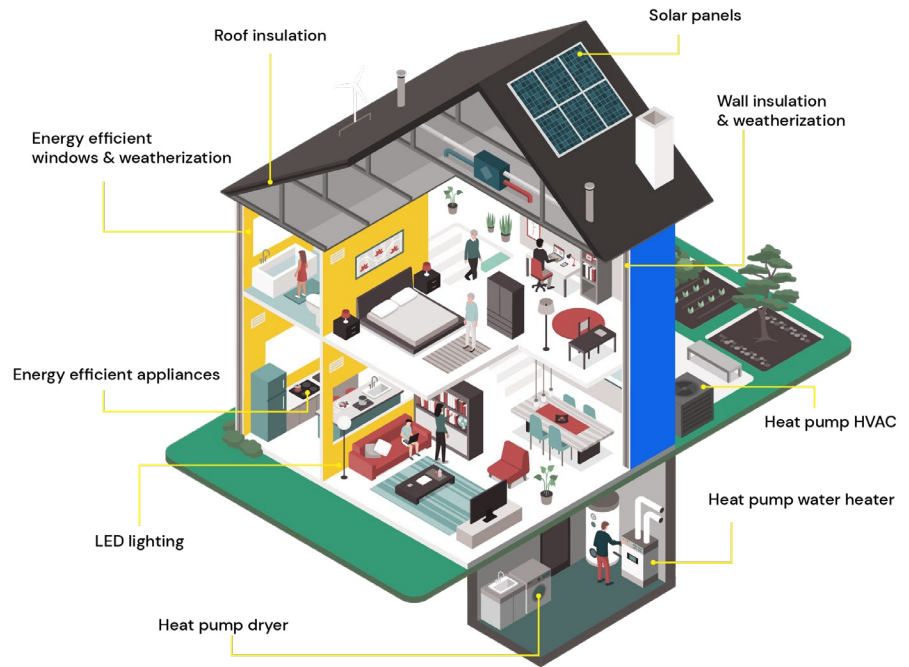
The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) invests over \$350 billion to help fight the causes and impacts of climate change. Tax credits, rebates, and other incentives directly help individuals and businesses transition to cleaner technologies, from electric cars to heat pumps to rooftop solar panels.

Maine people are also eligible for many cost-saving rebates from Efficiency Maine. This booklet summarizes current incentives and tax credits available to Mainers through federal and state programs, but programs may change, so please check for updated information before making any purchasing decisions. Sign up for our email list at mainewontwait.org to receive updates as new information becomes available.



HOME

Financial support is available to help you heat, cool, insulate, and power your home, and switch to energy efficient appliances. You can often cut carbon while saving money on bills and being more comfortable at the same time.



AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Heat Pumps

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 25C provides:

- 30% percent of your total cost for qualifying heat pump or heat pump water heater projects, up to \$2,000

You can claim these credits for different projects every year.

File [form 5695](#) with your taxes.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates:

- \$400–\$2,400 for qualifying heat pumps, based on income
 - Variable rebates for heat pump water heaters
- See efficiencymaine.com for details.

Weatherization Upgrades

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 25C provides:

- 30% of of your total cost, up to \$1,200, for weatherization and building performance projects such as:
- insulation and air sealing
- door upgrades
- window upgrades
- energy audits

Visit EnergyStar.gov for a full list of eligible projects.

File [form 5695](#) with your taxes.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates:

- Up to \$4,000 – \$8,000 for insulation
- \$500 – \$600 for air sealing

Rooftop Solar, Geothermal & Battery Storage

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 25D provides:

- 30% of all costs for rooftop solar, or investment in community solar
- 30% of all costs for geothermal heating
- 30% of all costs for battery storage

There is no cap on these projects.

File [form 5695](#) with your taxes.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates:

- \$3,000 for qualifying home geothermal systems

Electrical Panel Upgrade

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credits 25C and 25D both provide for electrical panel upgrades in conjunction with a heat pump or a solar installation:

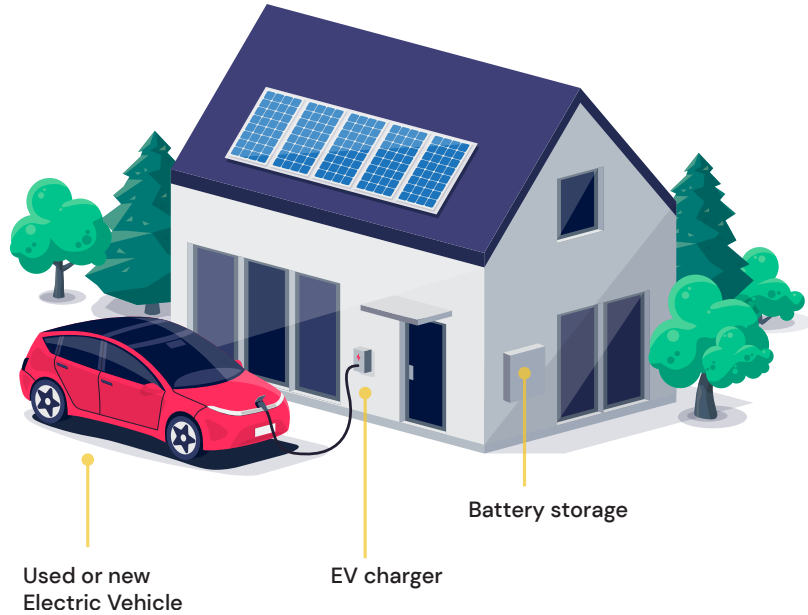
- 30% tax credit up to \$600 per year in conjunction with a heat pump
- 30% tax credit uncapped, in conjunction with rooftop solar

If both tax credits are applicable to your upgrades, choose the one that saves you the most money.

File [form 5695](#) with your taxes.

VEHICLE

49% of Maine’s fossil fuel emissions come from transportation. Federal and state incentives can help you buy an electric vehicle (EV), so you can save money on fuel and maintenance, get an enjoyable ride, and fight climate change.



AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

New EV

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 30D provides:

- up to \$7,500 for eligible battery (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV)

To be eligible, new EVs must have a:

- list price of less than \$80,000 for vans, SUVs, and pickup trucks
- list price less than \$55,000 for all other vehicles
- certain percentage of vehicle materials and assembly made in America

Check [updated lists of eligible new EVs](#).

File [form 8936](#) with your taxes.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates:

- \$500 – \$7,500, depending on income, for qualifying new battery electric vehicles (BEVs) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs).

Note: Customers seeking enhanced rebates based on income must be pre-qualified for *before* purchase.

Used EV

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 25E provides:

- 30% of the cost of a used battery (BEV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV), up to \$4,000

Used EV eligibility:

- price of \$25,000 or less

Current [list of eligible used EVs](#).

File [form 8936](#) with your taxes.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates:

- \$2,500 for low-income buyers

Home Chargers & Battery Storage

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 30C provides:

- up to \$1,000 for home EV chargers in eligible low-income/non-urban communities

File [form 8911](#) with your taxes.

IRA tax credit 25D provides:

- 30% of all costs for battery storage

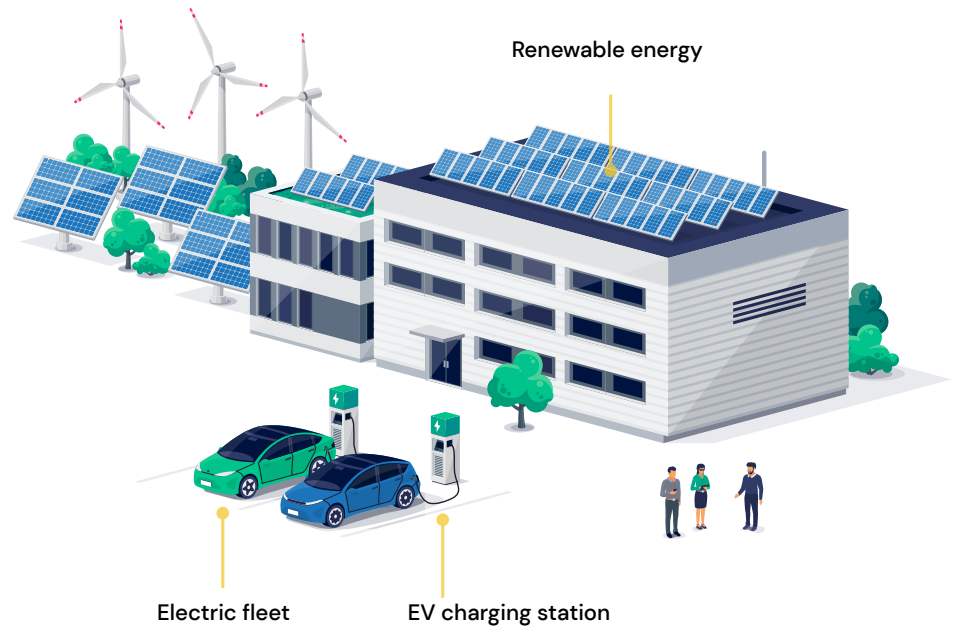
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CLIMATE INCENTIVES FOR YOUR

BUSINESS

Making your business more climate-friendly doesn't have to be complicated. Smart investments can save you money while also creating a cleaner future for Maine.



AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Electric Vehicles

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 45W (Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit) provides:

- up to \$7,500 for commercial EVs under 14,000 pounds
- up to \$40,000 for commercial EVs over 14,000 pounds (e.g. electric trucks)

These programs are still in development, Please consult the [IRS website](#) for updates.

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine rebates, up to 10 allowed every 12 months:

- \$2,000 for a new battery EV
- \$1,000 for a new plug-in hybrid EV

Energy Efficiency

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 179D (Commercial Buildings Energy-Efficiency Tax Deduction) provides:

- up to \$5 per square foot for energy efficiency projects

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine has programs for businesses of all sizes, including multifamily buildings and large industrial or institutional customers. Programs include incentives for efficiency measures, such as lighting, heating, and cooling, as well as customizable incentives for different businesses.

For more information, visit [Efficiency Maine](#).

Rooftop Solar

Federal Tax Credits

Solar tax credits for businesses, including the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and Production Tax Credit (PTC), have been expanded by the Inflation Reduction Act:

- 30% of all costs for rooftop solar

See [more information from the US Dept. of Energy](#).

EV Chargers

Federal Tax Credits

IRA tax credit 30C offers:

- 30% of costs for EV chargers, up to \$100,000, in eligible low-income/non-urban communities

Maine Incentives

Efficiency Maine has several programs for public and commercial EV charging.

Visit www.efficiencymaine.com/at-work-electric-vehicles-and-charging-solutions/ for details.



FAQs

Can I get money for climate-friendly upgrades?

Yes. Two kinds of financial help are available to Mainers:

1. The Federal government offers **tax credits** for investments in energy efficiency and clean energy. The details of some programs are still being worked out, especially for businesses, so check back for updates.
2. Maine, through Efficiency Maine, offers **rebates** and other incentives when you make energy efficient upgrades to your home or company's spaces, equipment, vehicles, and more.

Can I stack different incentives?

Generally, yes. It is permitted to claim as many of these rebates and tax credits as you qualify for in the same year, up to any yearly caps for each project or category for federal tax credits, or other restrictions from Efficiency Maine.

However, guidance and rules are still emerging, so please check for updated information before making purchasing decisions.

How do I claim my tax credits?

For your **home** heat pumps, weatherization, rooftop solar, geothermal, battery storage, and/ or electrical panel upgrade, file form 5695 with your tax return.

For eligible battery **electric vehicles** (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) in 2023, file form 8936 with your tax return. Starting January 1, 2024, EV tax credits will be automatically applied at the point of sale with no extra step.

For home EV chargers in eligible rural or low-income areas, file form 8911.

For **businesses**, some details of these programs are still being finalized. Check for updates on electric vehicles and energy efficiency upgrades.

How do I claim an Efficiency Maine incentive?

To claim rebates through **Efficiency Maine**, find details at www.energymaine.com, or call their toll-free help line at 866-ES-MAINE (866-376-2463).

What's the difference between a rebate and a tax credit?

What is it?	Am I eligible for it?	When do I get it?	How do I get it?
A rebate is money provided to you to help you pay for something. It may be a check in the mail after you submit your receipt of purchase, or it may be a 'point-of-sale rebate', knocking money off the price when you buy it.	Efficiency Maine offers rebates for residents, businesses, and other entities located in Maine. See www.energymaine.com for more info on each of their programs.	At point-of-sale	Vendor reduces the price you pay
		Get a check in the mail after purchase	Mail in your receipt & required paperwork
A tax credit offsets money you may owe when you file your annual federal tax return. EV tax credits are non-refundable, which means it cannot be added to your federal tax return, if you receive one.	Tax credits are available to anybody who files federal taxes.	At tax time	File the appropriate form with your tax return



TIPS TO

GET STARTED

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NOTES

1. Identify the right investment for you

Want to heat and cool your home or business more efficiently?

Try a heat pump.

Know you have a drafty building? Add insulation or replace leaky windows!

Log a lot of miles on the road? Invest in an EV.

2. Get estimates from qualified installers

See Efficiency Maine's list of Registered Vendors at

www.energymaine.com/at-home/vendor-locator/

Or for businesses: www.energymaine.com/at-work/qualified-partners/

Or, choose an electric vehicle

Test drive at local dealers.

Check the [list of new EVs eligible for the tax credit](#).

Make sure you [pre-qualify for vehicle rebates](#) based on your income.

3. After purchase, claim your rebates and/or tax credits

Get your total cost reduced by any available point-of-sale rebates.

Save your receipts. Complete, sign, and mail in forms as required for other rebates. See www.energymaine.com.

File required forms at tax time to reduce your overall tax bill.

4. Enjoy your upgrades!

Share your experiences with friends and / or customers.

And it's never too early to ponder your next climate investment...