ENERGY STAR[®] ROOM AIR CONDITIONER REBATE FOR LOUISIANA AND TEXAS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

ENERGY STAR-certified room air conditioners use 15-26 percent less energy depending on the product class and, on average, cost about \$57 per year to run. Room air conditioners with variable speed technology save even more energy and quietly keep you cool. ENERGY STAR certified room air conditioners come with better materials and clearer instructions to improve sealing and insulation around the unit, so costly and uncomfortable air leaks are minimized.

WHY PURCHASE AN ENERGY STAR-CERTIFIED ROOM AIR CONDITIONER?

ENERGY STAR certified room air conditioners with connected functionality offer additional convenience, comfort, and energy-savings, including the ability to:

- Turn off the unit remotely using your phone or computer.
- Schedule changes to temperature settings based on your needs.
- Receive feedback on the energy use of the product.

If all room air conditioners sold in the United States were ENERGY STAR certified, the cost savings would grow to more than \$1 billion each year, preventing more than 5.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually – equivalent to the emissions from over 1.2 million vehicles.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING A ROOM AIR CONDITIONER?

Make sure your unit is properly sized. An oversized air conditioner wastes energy and it does not provide better cooling. When installing your new unit, be sure to follow the instructions in the manual and use the included insulation materials.

ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS WITH VARIABLE SPEED TECHNOLOGY

Consider purchasing a room air conditioner with variable speed compressor technology. The compressor works either at maximum capacity when the room thermostat calls for cooling or off when the desired temperature has been achieved, typically alternating frequently between full on and off. Room air conditioners with efficient variable speed compressors can vary the speed of the internal compressor motor to continuously control the temperature. As a result, the capability for efficient variable output allows a room air conditioner to quietly cool the room and save a significant amount of energy.

PROPERLY SIZED ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS

Room air conditioner sizing is all about matching the room size to the air conditioner size. A unit that is too big will be less effective and offer reduced air conditioner efficiency. If the unit is too large, it will cool the room before it has a chance to remove the humidity. This can lead to discomfort because cool, moist air will make the room feel damp and clammy. *

*Source: energystar.gov

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE ROOM AIR CONDITIONER REBATE PROGRAM?

SWEPCO's Louisiana and Texas residential customers who own or rent a home or an apartment can upgrade their existing room air conditioners to an ENERGY STAR-certified room air conditioners to qualify for a \$100 rebate. Please note that room air conditioners rebates have limited funding. Rebates are only available while funding lasts.

Room air conditioners that earn the ENERGY STAR label have been independently certified, based on actual field data, to deliver energy savings. Here is a list of <u>ENERGY STAR-certified residential room air</u> conditioners.

You can purchase a room air conditioner online or at a local retailer. Be sure to save your receipt since it's part of your rebate application.

Once you've installed your room air conditioner and it's operational, you're ready to submit your rebate request through this online application.

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ROOM AIR CONDITIONER REBATE RULES

ROOM AIR CONDITIONER REBATE PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR LOUISIANA AND TEXAS

Receive \$100 per ENERGY STAR-certified room air conditioner. Limit two (2) per service address.

REBATE DETAILS:

- Rebate applies only to SWEPCO Louisiana and Texas customers with an active residential account.
- Rebates are limited to two (2) Room AC per home.
- Rebate will not exceed sales receipt amount.
- Rebates are issued in the form of a gift card, not utility bill credits.
- The pre-paid Visa gift card must be activated within seven (7) months of receipt and all funds on the card must be used within four (4) months of activation.
- Rebate application and copy of sales receipt showing retailer name, address, purchase date, price, proof of payment, product manufacturer and model must be submitted within 30 days of device installation and setup.
- SWEPCO is not responsible for inaccurate information.
- Funding for this program is limited to funds availability.

REBATE APPLICATION DETAILS:

Qualifying room air conditioners must have receipt dated on or after January 1 of the current year. Completed rebate application and copy of sales receipt showing retailer name, address, purchase date, price, proof of payment, product manufacturer and model must be submitted within 30 days of device installation and setup. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocated program funds are depleted. First-come, first-served status will be determined by the date the rebate application is received by the program administrator.

Failure to complete all information will result in denial of rebate. SWEPCO reserves the right to amend or suspend this program without notice.

SWEPCO reserves the right to conduct random inspections to verify installation of the incentivized equipment at the installation address listed on the form. The customer agrees to allow SWEPCO access to the equipment. SWEPCO reserves the right to inspect installations before issuing a rebate. If the residence does not have the qualifying material or work installed, the homeowner may be required to pay back the rebate.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION

In no way shall SWEPCO be liable for, and Customer hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless SWEPCO, its subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective employees, officers and directors, from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense, including attorney's fees, that may be caused by, due to, occasioned by, or otherwise arising out of the installation, operation, or misuse of customer's installed materials and installations.

Customer acknowledges and agrees that in no event shall any statement, representation, or lack thereof, either express or implied, SWEPCO, relieve the customer of exclusive responsibility for the customer's systems. Specifically, SWEPCO approval of the rebate application, payment of the rebate, or any SWEPCO inspection of the qualifying materials and installations shall not be construed as confirming or endorsing the materials or installation or its operating or maintenance procedures nor as a warranty or guarantee as to the safety, reliability, or durability of the materials or installation.

SWEPCO is not responsible for items lost or delayed in the mail, or any rebate delayed due to incomplete or incorrect information on the rebate application and/or receipt.

SWEPCO is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed as a result of your receipt of any rebate.

QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS:

- This program is available only to SWEPCO residential customers who own or rent a residential home or an apartment.
- To qualify, the unit(s) installed must be ENERGY STAR certified.

QUALIFYING INSTALLATION:

ENERGY STAR-certified Room Air Conditioner must be fully installed and operational prior to submitting a rebate application. For your convenience, here is a list of <u>ENERGY STAR-certified Room Air</u> <u>Conditioners.</u>

Room air conditioner installation must conform to all applicable building, local and state codes, manufacturer specifications and requirements.

HOW TO SUBMIT REBATE APPLICATION:

Qualifying customers with qualifying installations can submit a rebate request through <u>this online</u> <u>application</u>.

Please allow three (3) to five (5) weeks after submitting your online application for the rebate to be processed. Make a copy of all receipts and documentation for your records before submitting for the rebate. please contact Nancy Guisinger at 479-973-2403 or <u>nsguisinger@aep.com</u>.