

## Electric Water Heater Rebate Program Information

*Quiet, clean, dependable! Electricity from Stillwater Electric Utility (SEU). Let us help pay for your new electric water heater!*

*In 2002, the City of Stillwater developed an Electric Water Heater Rebate Program to help you decide whether or not to use electricity to heat your home's water. Under this program, the cost of all or part of your new electric water heater can be rebated.*

*We recommend electricity — if your home is electric, you don't have to worry about things like gas flames, pilot lights, carbon monoxide, and vents through your roofs that require maintenance and can be the source of leaks. A new electric water heater can add to a home's comfort, safety and convenience — and now we'll help pay for it whether this is the original water heater installed in a new home or a replacement water heater system being installed in an existing residence.*

*Here are the requirements of the program:*

1. The installing party or contractor must contact the City of Stillwater Development Services Department to request a permit for the installation of the water heater. After installation is complete, the City of Stillwater Development Services Department must be called by the permit holder to inspect and approve the completed installation. Rebate payment will not be made unless the installation has been approved by the appropriate City code inspectors.
2. To qualify for the rebate, the water heater you select must meet:
  - a. Minimum ASHRAE Standard # 90 with a tank insulation level of R-16 or greater.
  - b. Capacity must be a minimum of 40 gallons. (The 50-gallon model is recommended for most homes.)
  - c. The tank must have dual electric heating elements.
3. The purchase and installation costs must be verified with original paid receipt(s). A copy of the receipt(s) and photograph(s) of the manufacturer's data plate (showing Model Number, Serial Number, etc.) on the unit will be needed for SEU processing of the rebate.
4. The customer or contractor shall complete the Electric Water Heater Rebate Program Application and provide SEU with a document certifying needed information about the electric water heater installation. The required form will be provided by SEU. If the application is not received within sixty (60) days of the date the unit was placed into service then the application will be deemed ineligible for the rebate.
5. After verification that the water heater and its installation comply with all requirements, a rebate will be made directly to the SEU customer or home builder (In the case of new construction). Rebates will be made as follows:
  - a. For 40 to 49 gallon capacity range, up to \$150 toward the purchase of an electric water heater. An additional \$75 rebate will be allowed (if justified with licensed

- contractor installation receipts) for the cost of wiring changes for the electric water heater. The maximum rebate for this size unit is \$225.
- b. For 50-gallon or greater capacity, up to \$250 toward the purchase of an electric water heater. An additional \$75 rebate will be allowed (if justified with licensed contractor installation receipts) for the cost of wiring changes for the electric water heater. The maximum rebate for the unit is \$325.
  - c. If the electric water heater replaces an existing electric water heater, a. or b. would apply, but without the additional \$75 changeover allowance.
  - d. The above also apply to individual owned residential units within multiple residence buildings.

For example, an owner of one half of a duplex who wished to install an electric water heater to replace an existing natural gas water heater would be eligible for a rebate, based upon a. or b.

6. Duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, etc. and apartment complexes, with all living units are owned by an individual or company, shall be considered as one site when all units are under one roof; this also applies to large homes with two or more water heaters. Rebates will be made as follows:

- a. For 40 to 49 gallon capacity, up to \$150 toward the purchase and installation of an electric water heater, per unit for multiple water heaters installed at one work site.
- b. For a 50 gallon or greater capacity, up to \$250 toward the purchase and installation of an electric water heater, per unit for multiple water heaters installed at one work site.
- c. For the first unit installed in a new home or new commercial construction, an additional \$75 incentive will be paid to the contractor, home builder, or subdivision contractor.
- d. Each additional unit installed at the same site shall be \$10 per unit. The maximum rebate payment for any one unit will be \$325.

Example calculation: Assume a quadraplex with four (4) 50-gallon electric water heaters.

$\$250 \times 4 =$	$\$1,000$	For the basic electric water heater rebate
$\$75 \times 1 =$	$\$75$	For the first incentive
$\$10 \times 3 =$	$\$30$	For the incentive for Units 2 through 4
Total Rebate:	$\$1,105$	For the work site

After necessary receipts and verifications have been received, the rebate checks will take approximately three (3) weeks to process.

***Rebates will only be provided on systems that meet the current requirements for Stillwater Electric Utility.***

Effective Date: 1 August 2014