

CenterPoint Energy Ohio 2021 Business Custom Program Application



Thank you for participating in CenterPoint Energy's Ohio Business Custom Program! Refer to the information below to ensure you are eligible and your application is complete. Please retain a copy of your completed application and all invoices for your records. Visit CenterPointEnergy.com/SmartSavings for additional information and view complete terms and conditions.

Need Help?

For assistance completing this application, call **866-240-8476** to speak with a CenterPoint Energy Efficiency Advisor.

Important: Do not begin your energy efficiency project(s) or purchase equipment until you receive written approval in the form of a Letter of Intent from CenterPoint Energy. The project should be completed within 90 days from acceptance.

What You Will Need

- Your CenterPoint Energy natural gas account number, meter number and rate class
- The completed Business Custom Program application (signed and dated) and a completed IRS Form W-9
- A project description, an itemized cost estimate and all calculations, assumptions and formulas used to determine project savings

HOW TO APPLY FOR A REBATE

Step 1: Determine Eligibility

- **Applicant**
The applicant must be a CenterPoint Energy General Service (Rate 320, 321, 325) natural gas account holder at the time of equipment installation. Location of installed equipment or services performed must have CenterPoint Energy natural gas service.
- **Equipment**
The equipment must be purchased and installed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Read all rebate qualifications carefully to ensure your product qualifies.
- **Project**
The project should be completed within 90 days from acceptance.

Step 2: Complete Application & Attach Documentation

- **Complete Application**
Unless noted otherwise, all application fields must be completed. The application must be signed in the space provided on page 2.
- **Attach Completed Application**
Attach the completed Business Custom Program application and make a copy for your records.
- **Attach Project Documentation**
Ensure that you have attached copies of all project documentation, including a project description and an itemized cost estimate and all calculations, assumptions and formulas used to determine savings.

Step 3: Submit Application & Documentation

- **Submit Application & Project Documentation**
Submit your completed Custom project application and a copy of all project documentation (see previous step) one of two ways:

Mail:
CenterPoint Energy
Business Custom
Incentive Application
6500 Clio Rd
Centerville, OH 45459

Email:
ohiobusinesscustom@centerpointenergy.com

Note: If you choose to email your application, be sure to include all invoices as email attachments.

Step 4: Receive LOI & Submit Final Documentation

- **Receive CenterPoint Energy LOI**
Once your Custom project has been approved, CenterPoint Energy will send a Letter of Intent (LOI).
- **Begin Work**
Only after receiving an LOI should work on the project begin.

The project should be completed within 90 days from acceptance.
- **Submit Final Project Documentation & Application**
After project completion, submit an itemized invoice, a completed IRS Form W-9 and your final Custom project application, noting any changes to the project description.



CUSTOMER & CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Business / Account Holder

Name of Business (as shown on your CenterPoint Energy bill)		Type of Business	
CenterPoint Energy Account Number	Natural Gas Meter Number(s)		Rate Class
Business Classification (Check one)			Federal Tax ID or Social Security Number (Required)
Corporation Other	Partnership Exempt	Sole Proprietorship (indiv.)	Limited Liability
Contact First Name	Contact Last Name	Contact Phone Number	Contact Email Address

2. Location of Installation

Installation Address		
City	State	Zip Code
	OH	

3. Trade Ally Information (if available)

Trade Ally Business Name			Trade Ally Business Address	
City	State	Zip Code	Trade Ally Phone Number	Trade Ally Email Address

4. Mailing Address For Rebate Check (Required Information)

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code

SIGN APPLICATION

I hereby certify that: 1. The information contained in this application is accurate and complete. 2. All rules of this incentive application have been followed. 3. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions found at CenterPointEnergy.com/SmartSavings. I agree to verification of equipment installation which may include a site inspection by a program or utility representative. I understand that I am not allowed to receive more than one incentive from this program on any piece of equipment. I hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the utility from any actions or claims in regard to the installation, operation and disposal of equipment (and related materials) covered herein, including liability from any incidental or consequential damages.

Applicant Signature

Date

PROJECT DETAILS

Note: Attach separate sheets with full project description.

Enter the applicable project information in the fields below. Equipment must be purchased and installed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The project should be completed within 90 days from acceptance.

Financial Custom Incentive Calculations

- Base Ccf incentive levels are calculated based on first year energy savings;
- \$0.75/Ccf for projects that have less than an annual savings of 7,500 Ccfs;
- \$1.00/Ccf for projects that have annual savings of 7,500 Ccf or greater;
- Incentives are limited to a maximum of \$25,000 per project;
- Incentive may not exceed 30% of the total project cost;
- Incentive does not apply to projects with a simple payback less than 1.5 years.

Project Recommendations

Description of Energy Efficiency Measure	Estimated Measure Completion Date

Project Benefits

ENERGY USAGE & SAVINGS	Measure	\$	Ccfs
	Estimated Baseline Energy Usage	\$	
	Estimated Annual Energy Savings	\$	
	Estimated CenterPoint Energy Rebate	\$	

PROJECT COST & PAYBACK	Measure	Without Rebate	With Rebate
	Estimated Project Cost	\$	\$
	Estimated Payback (Years)	Years	Years

Don't forget to attach your documentation.

Ensure that you have attached copies of all project documentation, including a project description and an itemized cost estimate and all calculations, assumptions and formulas used to determine savings.

ELIGIBILITY

Refer to the information below to ensure you are eligible for CenterPoint Energy's Ohio Business Custom Program. For assistance determining your eligibility, call **866-240-8476** to speak with a program representative.

Incentive Offer

This offer provides financial rebates for the purchase of new, installed qualifying equipment and is not dependent on the purchase of any other equipment unless indicated. Offer valid only for CenterPoint Energy natural gas commercial customers only. Qualifying commercial accounts include rate 320, 321 and 325. Location of installed equipment must have CenterPoint Energy natural gas service. Customer must be a US resident (including a U.S. resident alien) and must provide their correct taxpayer identification number or social security number. Rebate funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Verification

CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to verify sales receipts and/or installations of equipment and that the equipment installed meets program requirements before issuing rebates. A random inspection may be conducted to verify installations.

Program Modifications

CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to alter or discontinue these rebate offers at any time without notice. Financial rebates are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rebate Calculations

Base Ccf rebate levels are calculated from first year energy savings. The Business Custom Rebate Program offers \$0.75/Ccf for projects that have less than an annual savings of 7,500 Ccfs and \$1.00/Ccf for projects that have an annual savings of 7,500 Ccfs or more. Rebates may not exceed 30% of the total project cost or a maximum of \$25,000, whichever is less. Rebates do not apply to projects with a simple payback less than 18 months.

Disclaimer

CenterPoint Energy does not guarantee that energy efficiency equipment purchased and installed or services provided through this program will result in energy and cost savings. CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to deny or limit any rebate request. In addition, no warranties on product or service installations are provided by CenterPoint Energy, nor does the program warranty, guarantee or endorse the energy efficiency services provided by any specific contractor participating in the program. Please allow up to six (6) weeks to receive your rebate.

CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to disclose the customer's utility account numbers, Federal Tax ID or social security number and consumption data to its subcontractors for the sole purpose of administering CenterPoint Energy Efficiency Program. Subcontractors are contractually bound to maintain this information in the strictest of confidence.

Eligibility Dates

Before starting your energy efficiency project, the CenterPoint Energy customer, or designated trade ally, must complete and submit this application directly to CenterPoint Energy for approval. Energy Efficiency Program rebates cannot be granted without prior completion of this application, and subsequent approval by CenterPoint Energy. Energy service companies or contractors may assist in preparing and submitting the application on the customer's behalf. An authorized representative of the customer must sign this application to be eligible to participate in the Energy Efficiency Program. Completion of this application does not guarantee the approval of a Business Custom Rebate.

Do not begin your energy efficiency project(s) or purchase equipment until you receive written approval in the form of a Letter of Intent from CenterPoint Energy. The project should be completed within 90 days from acceptance.

Once all documentation is received by CenterPoint Energy, and if necessary, a site inspection is completed, CenterPoint Energy will indicate the anticipated rebate amount in a Letter of Intent (LOI) based on the projected energy savings. The customer or their assigned trade ally must notify the program of project completion by submitting an updated application that notes any changes from the initial project application and a final itemized project invoice. Where there have been changes from the initial application, the customer or their assigned trade ally must submit revised calculations. Upon program approval of the final application and invoice, and if necessary a verification of installation and operation of the energy saving measures, CenterPoint Energy will issue a rebate check in the amount indicated in the Letter of Intent, or adjusted if the project varies from the information originally submitted.

Depending on the scope or cost of your energy efficiency project, CenterPoint Energy may conduct an inspection of the facility.

The customer agrees to allow subsequent site visits, if needed, to verify installation and operability, prior to CenterPoint Energy issuing the Custom Rebate check.

Tax Information

Rebates are taxable and if greater than \$600 will be reported to the IRS unless you are exempt. CenterPoint Energy will report your rebate as income to you on IRS Form 1099 unless you have checked corporation or exempt status above. You are urged to consult your tax advisor concerning the taxability of rebates. CenterPoint Energy is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed on your business as a result of your receipt of this rebate.

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