



# Residential Federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credits

**Tax incentives passed in the federal Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 promote wise energy use to lower your energy bills and reduce your tax bill!**

This bill increases valuable tax credits to consumers who make certain specified energy-efficiency upgrades to their existing homes. Homeowners may qualify for tax credits for eligible shell improvements such as insulation and windows and doors; and for energy efficient equipment such as central air conditioners and heat pumps. The amount of eligible credit has been increased to 30% of the equipment costs, and the installation costs in some cases. The credit applies to 2009 and 2010 tax returns, with a lifetime cap of \$1,500.

There are also credits to consumers for solar energy systems and fuel cells until 2016. New tax credits were established for small wind energy systems and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

***What do I need to do to get the tax credit?*** You will need to file the appropriate IRS form with your taxes. In addition, you will need to keep your receipts proving that you purchased the product and a copy of the manufacturer's certification and/or the Energy Star® label. Manufacturers and retailers should be able to help you determine whether a specific product qualifies. Accountants and tax professionals should be consulted for specific guidance.

***Princeton Public Utilities shares your concerns about rising energy costs. In addition to these federal tax credits, you may also be eligible for rebates on central air conditioners and air-source and ground-source heat pumps from Princeton Public Utilities. Visit [SaveEnergyInPrinceton.com](http://SaveEnergyInPrinceton.com) for rebate forms and qualifications.***

## **For More Information**

### **EPA's Energy Star:**

[www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits)

### **Alliance to Save Energy:** (This website is also available in Spanish.)

[www.ase.org/content/article/detail/2654](http://www.ase.org/content/article/detail/2654)

### **Tax Incentives Assistance Project:**

[www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org)



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