



# Climate Change Fund

The NSW Government's \$340 million Climate Change Fund has been established to help business, households, schools and government save energy and water.

It includes a \$100 million Residential Rebate Program to help householders make their homes more water and energy efficient.

The rebates are available to install ceiling insulation and rainwater tanks and replace electric hot water systems with climate friendly solar, heat pump or gas systems.

Full details and more information about the Climate Change Fund is available from our website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au).

## Other criteria

Rebates are not available for hot water systems, insulation or rainwater tanks installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes and major renovations.

All rebates are available for residential use only. They are additional to any other rebate or incentive offer available to NSW residents.

Rainwater tanks must be purchased and installed after 1 July 2007. Hot water systems and insulation must be purchased and installed after 1 October 2007.

## Applying for the rebate

You apply for the rebates after the installation is complete.

For each rebate you will need to:

- + agree to the terms and conditions
- + complete and sign an application form
- + if applicable, ensure a professional installer signs and completes any relevant sections of the application form
- + attach original receipt(s).

For more information and application forms visit

**[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

or call the Environment Line on  
**1300 361 967**



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# Residential Rebate Program



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## Hot water system rebate

Water heating is the biggest energy user in most NSW homes. By switching from an electric to a climate-friendly hot water system, you could save up to three tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from your home each year and \$300 on your energy bills.

The following rebates are available to switch from an electric hot water system:

- + \$300 for a gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy rating
- + up to \$1200 for a solar or heat pump hot water system.

The rebate for solar and heat pump hot water systems is based on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved, determined by the eligibility of your system for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

NUMBER OF RECs	REBATE
20-27	\$600
28-35	\$800
36-43	\$1000
44+	\$1200

RECs are an electronic form of currency established to promote renewable energy generation. The RECs for hot water systems are usually created on the customer's behalf by the supplier and provided as a discount on the purchase price. Your hot water system supplier will identify the number of RECs available for different systems and can provide more information about them.

Because gas emits about half the greenhouse gas emissions of electricity, it is a more climate friendly option for heating water. The \$300 rebate is available to switch from electric to a natural gas or LPG hot water system which has an energy rating of 5-stars or more.



## Insulation rebate

Heating and cooling are the next most energy intensive activities in the home after water heating.

By keeping your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer, insulation reduces heating and cooling costs and saves greenhouse gas emissions.

A rebate is available to:

- + cover half the cost of installing ceiling insulation in your home, up to a maximum of \$300.

The insulation must be new and cover the entire ceiling area.

Most ceiling insulation materials are eligible for the rebate, including glass fibre, rock wool, wool, polyester, cellulose fibre, polystyrene and reflective foil.

Insulation is measured by its R-value, which is its thermal efficiency or resistance to heat flow. To be eligible for the rebate, the insulation must meet a minimum R-value specified for your climate zone.

## Local planning rules

Because the rules covering rainwater tanks and hot water systems vary in different local council areas, you should check local planning regulations with your local council before you buy.

## Rainwater tank rebate

Up to 40% of a household's water use can be replaced with rainwater. By using rainwater every day to flush toilets and wash clothes, you will save more drinking water and make room in the tank to collect more water when it rains.

The rebate provides up to \$1500, depending on the size of the tank and whether it is connected to toilets and washing machines.

TANK(S) CAPACITY	REBATE
2,000 – 3,999 litres	\$150
4,000 – 6,999 litres	\$400
7,000 litres and above	\$500
Plus connection to toilet(s)	\$500
Plus connection to washing machine	\$500