



Energy Audits Are Free

The energy audits that are required prior to applying for a ceiling insulation rebate are provided free of charge by your local utility or their power supplier, the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

The audits can be a valuable tool for finding ways in which residential customers can save energy. In addition to ceiling insulation checks, the audits also include blower door tests, window condition evaluations, heating and cooling system inspections, home measurements and a report on the Estimated Natural Infiltration Rate.

To schedule a free energy audit, contact your local utility.

Ceiling Insulation Rebate Program

Brought to you by your local utility and
the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority

Ceiling Insulation

Rebate Program

The Ways I Save Energy (W.I.S.E.) Ceiling Insulation Rebate Program offers financial incentives to residential electric customers who meet guidelines regarding energy-efficiency improvements accomplished with adding ceiling insulation in their homes.

Why Insulation?

Ceiling insulation is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to improve the energy efficiency of a home. It acts to reduce heat flow between the inside of the home and the outside. That means more heat gets trapped inside in the winter, and kept outside during the summer.

The most common types of ceiling insulation include spray foam, blow-in insulation and blanket insulation, although there are a variety of other types that may be more suitable for a home. Professionals can inspect homes and provide advice on which type would be most suitable, as well as how much is needed.

Just adding extra insulation to the ceiling in the attic of a home can save 10 to 50 percent on a utility bill, according to the Department of Energy. Over the course of a year, that can mean hundreds of dollars in heating and cooling savings, leading to a short payback period. Installing insulation in conditioned areas of the home previously not insulated will save even more.

How To Apply

To apply, customers should contact their local utility to verify they participate in the program. If the utility participates, then an energy audit **must** be performed on the home **prior** to the addition of

insulation so that an audit report can be produced to show the depth and/or R-value of existing ceiling insulation. Residential energy audits are available to customers in OMPA member cities at no cost, and should be scheduled through the local utility. Reports on energy audits performed by auditors certified by the Residential Energy Services Network or the Building Performance Institute will be accepted, provided they meet all other qualifying criteria.

Rebate Criteria

To qualify, ceiling insulation should be placed in the attic or roof space of the residence, between conditioned and unconditioned spaces.

The installation can be done by the homeowner or a professional. However, for spray foam insulation to qualify, it must be installed by a qualified professional.

Total finished insulation must be equal to or greater than 12 inches in depth, or have a value of R-38.

Contact the utility to arrange for an inspection of the ceiling insulation within 90 days after the installation. Documents required to be provided at the time of the inspection include a copy of the contractor invoice and/or an invoice/receipt for materials, as well as the audit report.

Rebates are capped at 30 percent of the total cost of the installation or \$500, whichever is less. The rebate will be issued as either a check or as a utility bill credit, as determined by the local utility. Rebates are available only to residential customers whose local utility is an OMPA member and is participating in the program.

The customer should receive the rebate between six to eight weeks after the inspection.

Additional Criteria

Insulation added above garages will not qualify.

Generally, mobile homes will not be eligible for the rebates. However, they may be considered on a case-by-case basis if the local utility so desires. New construction – meaning new homes or new additions to existing homes – are not eligible. Conversions of spaces to living spaces may qualify, provided the converted space is heated and cooled.

Each individual home in a multi-home building with a single roof can qualify for rebates, although apartment complexes are not eligible.

Homeowners who do their own installation may not include the cost of labor in their application.



Energy Savings

Estimated dollars saved from installing ceiling insulation.
Source: cellulose.org

