

## **FURNACE REBATES:**

Syracuse (WSYR-TV) - If you're in need of a new furnace, now is likely the time to buy. In addition to the arrival of cool fall weather, the major utilities are once again offering rebates as an incentive to become more energy efficient.

Last year, both NYSEG and National Grid offered these rebates and they were very popular. In fact, the rebates were so popular that both ran out of funding for the program within months. They've recently been allocated more money to offer these rebates again, and the programs both resume on Friday. **Interested customers should act fairly quickly.**

National Grid customers can get anywhere from \$140 to \$420 back on the purchase of a new natural gas furnace. The amount of the rebate depends on the efficiency of the unit purchased.

If a National Grid customer purchased a new boiler, they could qualify for a rebate between \$350 and \$560. Also, sealing ducts when replacing either a boiler or a furnace could be worth \$420.

NYSEG customers, meanwhile, are eligible for slightly different rebates. A furnace is worth anywhere from \$115 to \$340, a boiler is worth \$280 to \$560 and duct sealing is worth \$340.

Each of the energy utilities has listed the terms and conditions of the rebates on their websites. Both programs officially start on Friday, October 1.

### **National Grid Rebates:**

- \$140: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 90% or greater)
- \$280: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 92% or greater) with an electronically-controlled motor
- \$420: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 94% or greater) with an electronically-controlled motor
- \$350: Water boiler (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 85% or greater)
- \$560: Water boiler (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 90% or greater)
- \$350: Steam boiler with electric ignition (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 82% or greater)
- \$70: Boiler reset control (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying boiler installation.)
- \$210: Indirect water heater (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying boiler installation. An indirect water heater uses the main boiler to heat a fluid that is circulated through a heat exchanger in a water storage tank.)
- Programmable thermostats: \$18 (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying furnace or boiler installation. Limit: two.)
- \$420: Duct sealing (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying furnace or boiler replacement.)

### **NYSEG Rebates:**

- \$115: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 90% or greater)
- \$225: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 92% or greater) with an electronically-controlled motor
- \$340: High-efficiency natural gas furnace (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 94% or greater) with an electronically-controlled motor
- \$280: Water boiler (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 85% or greater)
- \$560: Water boiler (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 90% or greater)
- \$280: Steam boiler (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency 82% or greater)
- \$56: Boiler reset control (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying boiler installation.)
- \$170: Indirect water heater (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying boiler installation. An indirect water heater uses the main boiler to heat a fluid that is circulated through a heat exchanger in a water storage tank.)
- Programmable thermostats: \$15 (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying furnace or boiler installation. Limit: two.)
- \$340: Duct sealing (Installed by a contractor at the time of a qualifying furnace or boiler replacement.)