



## Safe Appliance Installation Rebate Program Guidelines

**NOTE TO CONSUMERS:** You may only receive a rebate through a participating propane company. The propane company must complete and submit the application to NJPGA/NJPERF.

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the joint NJPGA/NJPERF program is to ensure the safe installation of propane appliances, specifically water heaters.

NJPERF's safe appliance installation rebate program will offer a \$200 rebate upon installation of a propane-fueled water heater. For installations in existing homes, the new propane water must replace an existing electric, natural gas, or heating oil appliance. Both tank style and tankless water heaters are eligible.

A rebate application must be submitted within 30 days of the final safety inspection, following installation of the water heater. Checks are sent directly to homeowner or builder; please allow up to 6 weeks to process.

### II. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

There are 100 rebates available at an amount of \$200 per rebate. Marketers should contact the NJ Propane Gas Association office to determine the availability of rebates prior to implementing widespread outreach campaigns, and to ensure that your individual customer's rebate will be funded.

### III. ELIGIBILITY

**A. Marketers:** Only New Jersey propane marketers are eligible to participate. The program is designed only for propane marketers and is not available to the public, except through a marketer. The marketer is responsible for documenting that an eligible installation has been performed, that all appliances (installed and/or replaced) have been correctly identified, and that a safety inspection has been completed. The marketer must submit the completed application to NJPERF for consideration.

**B. Consumers:** Consumers may only receive a rebate through a participating propane retailer (visit <https://propane.com/where-to-buy/> for a list of propane companies in your area) and must agree to the regulations and conditions stated on the application form, including allowing an inspection of the installation and agreeing not to modify or move the installation for at least one year following the installation.

### IV. ELIGIBLE INSTALLATIONS

The program authorizes a \$200 rebate for a water heater used in new or existing construction. Installations in travel trailers, mobile or manufactured homes not in permanent residential or commercial use are ineligible. The installation must take place on real property located within New Jersey and be clearly identified by physical address on the rebate application.

Eligible water heaters must be propane-fueled, either a storage-type rated at not less than 30 gallons water capacity or a continuous (tankless) type rated at not less than 50,000 Btu/hour input.

**Limits:** No more than one rebate shall be paid for each eligible installation. NJPERF reserves the right to limit the total number of rebates that may be submitted by a participating marketer.

## **V. COMPLIANCE**

NJPERF approves each application individually. Missing data or factual errors may delay or disqualify an application.

Criteria for rejecting applications:

1. Postmarked more than 30 days after inspection. To be eligible again, the installation would have to be re-inspected.
2. Incomplete Information. The marketer will be contacted and given 30 days to complete the missing information prior to disqualification.
3. False or Misleading Information. NJPERF reserves the right to suspend a marketer's participation in the program if it determines that the applicant submitted false information or otherwise violated program rules. An applicant may submit an appeal in writing within 30 days of notification. Actions taken by NJPERF with respect to an appeal are final.

**Application:** Rebates must be submitted on an approved application form and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis according to receipt dates of complete and correct applications. Applications and supporting documents must be sent to the NJ Propane Gas Association office.

A safety inspection must be conducted prior to the submission of any rebate application. The date of the inspection is required on the application. The inspection must be conducted on-site and include:

1. A leak check.
2. A pressure test as required by applicable laws.
3. A flow and lockup test on the regulator

The "Gas Check" form developed by the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) is preferred for use in conducting this safety inspection.

**Payment:** NJPERF may approve rebate applications subject to the availability of funds. Applicants have no legal right or entitlement to receive rebates under this program, and receipt of a complete and correct application does not bind NJPERF to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant.

NJPERF may authorize payment to a propane marketer only by assignment from a consumer, noted in writing and submitted with the rebate application. A propane marketer or applicant who submits false information pertinent to the assignment of a rebate is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Agreement. By submitting a rebate application, the marketer acknowledges agreement with all guidelines and requirements and is bound by the terms of the program therein.**

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