

National Grid - Solar Thermal Rebate Program

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Incentive Type:	Utility Rebate Program
Eligible Renewable/ Other Technologies:	Solar Water Heat, Solar Space Heat, Solar Thermal Process Heat
Applicable Sectors:	Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Multi-Family Residential, (National Grid Customers Only)
Incentive Amount:	Residential: 15% of project costs, up to \$1,500; Commercial/Multi-family: \$3/therm based on estimated first-year savings
Maximum Incentive:	Residential: \$1,500; Commercial/Multi-family: \$100,000 per project, up to 50% of project costs
Website:	http://www.thinksmarthinkgreen.com

Summary:

National Grid provides incentives to residential, commercial, industrial and multi-family customers who install solar thermal technologies. Recommended solar thermal applications include solar hot water heating (SHW), and in some cases solar space heating or high temperature process applications. Eligibility requirements are in place to ensure quality installation of solar thermal systems.

Note that program funds are limited.

Residential customers. National Grid customers that install a SHW system may apply for a rebate of 15% off project costs, up to a maximum rebate of \$1,500. This rebate requires that participating customers share their water heating usage data for a period of 12 months. National Grid works directly with residential solar installers who submit rebate applications on behalf of the customer.

Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family customers. National Grid requires a free energy audit for interested participants to identify appropriate solar thermal technologies and to estimate natural gas savings. Commercial, industrial and multi-family customers may receive a one-time rebate of \$3 per therm of estimated first-year savings, up to 50% of the project costs or \$100,000 per project.

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