

Other Resources for a More Energy Efficient & Comfortable Home

There are many different programs to help you save money and make your home safer and more comfortable! Beyond the programs listed below, [EnergyFundsForAll.org](https://www.energyfundsforall.org) has a guide to help NC and SC residents find funding for home and community energy projects.

EBERP



For a limited time, the Energy Burden and Emissions Reduction Program (EBERP) offers home energy efficiency upgrades at no cost to households who qualify based on income and fall within EBERP-selected neighborhoods in Durham County, Granville County, and Orange County, NC. Both home owners and renters can participate in EBERP.

Participants can receive upgrades like insulation, air and duct sealing, water-efficient plumbing fixtures, energy-efficient lightbulbs, and more.

Learn more [here](#) and see if you are eligible to apply for services [here](#).

EBERP also provides Home Energy Efficiency DIY Workshops to learn hands-on training on simple home upgrades you can do yourself and energy efficiency tips to save money in your home. Register for an upcoming workshop [here](#).

Energy Saver NC



Offered by the NC State Energy Office, Energy Saver North Carolina helps income-eligible homeowners and renters cover the cost of energy efficiency and electrification upgrades, such as heat pumps, electrical panels and insulation.

Energy Saver NC offers support through HOMES and HEAR:

- Homeowners Managing Efficiency Savings (HOMES): Offers eligible households up to \$16,000 for home efficiency upgrades, such as air sealing or energy-efficient HVAC units.
- Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR): Provides up to \$14,000 for high-efficiency electrical appliances such as heat pump water heaters and electric stoves.

As of July 2026, renters and home owners in all 100 North Carolina counties can apply to Energy Saver NC.

Learn more [here](#).

Accessible Financing for Home Upgrades



Smart Upgrades for Residential Efficiency

Clean Energy Fund of the Carolinas offers accessible, fixed-rate loans to homeowners through Carolina Smart Upgrades for Residential Efficiency (Carolina SURE).

Loans do not depend on your credit score, and can cover upgrades that many other programs do not, such as septic repair, electrical upgrades, roof repair and replacement. Other eligible improvements include heating and cooling systems, solar panels and battery storage, windows, doors, insulation, aging-in-place measures, and more.

Clean Energy Fund of the Carolinas has a list of trusted, vetted contractors to perform upgrades, helping to ensure quality work.

Learn more [here](#).

Weatherization Assistance Program



Weatherization Assistance Program, offered by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ), helps income-eligible homeowners and rents (with homeowner approval) reduce their utility

bills and stay safe in their homes through no-cost energy efficiency improvements. According to the NC DEQ, "participating households can save up to \$300 a year when weatherization services are completed. It also makes homes more comfortable, keeping North Carolinians warm in the winter, cool in the summer and just right all year long."

Households with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or those receiving cash assistance payments under Work First or Supplemental Security Income are eligible for the NC Weatherization Assistance Program. The program prioritizes the elderly, disabled, families with children, high energy users, and energy-burdened households.

As of August, 2026, some counties have much longer wait lists than others, so it is worth applying sooner rather than later.

Learn more [here](#).

Programs Offered by Duke Energy



See more on Duke Energy Carolina's website [here](#).

- [Customer Assistance Program](#)
 - Intended to make monthly bills more manageable, the Customer Assistance Program provides qualifying customers a flat monthly credit of up to \$42 for up to 12 billing cycles.
 - You must first be approved for the [Low-Income Energy Assistance Program \(LIEAP\)](#) or the [Crisis Intervention Program \(CIP\)](#) for your Duke Energy electric bill. Apply for these assistance programs by contacting your local Department of Social Services to complete the LIEAP/CIP application process.
- [Improve & Save](#)
 - Improve & Save is a program for Duke Energy customers who rent and own property, which lets customers pay for energy efficiency upgrades over a ten year period, as a surcharge on their energy bill. These measures should help reduce the electricity bill by more than the surcharge, meaning participants should start saving money immediately, although this isn't guaranteed.
 - Both renters and owners can participate. If the Improve & Save participant moves, the next owner or renter takes over the payments.
- [Duke Energy Online Savings Store](#)
 - The Online Savings Store is an online marketplace that offers Duke Energy residential customers energy-saving products at a discounted price.

- You can find products like LED lightbulbs, power strips, smart thermostats, air purifiers and dehumidifiers, water fixtures, and more.
- [Smart \\$aver Home Improvement Rebates](#)
 - This program helps Duke Energy customers perform upgrades in their home, like Heating and Cooling Systems, Heat Pump Water Heaters, Attic Insulation/Air Sealing & Ductwork, and Energy-Efficient Windows. Participants can find contractors from Duke Energy's pre-approved list, who will perform upgrades in their home and submit rebate applications on the participants' behalf.
 - Once a rebate is approved, participants will receive the rebate as a physical prepaid Mastercard or a digital Mastercard for mobile wallets. This process typically takes 4-6 weeks.
- [Power Manager & Smart Thermostats](#)
 - Duke Energy's Power Manager program allows Duke to make brief adjustments to thermostat temperature throughout the year during peak electric demand periods. Participants help keep energy costs lower for themselves and other customers across the region.
 - Generally, Power Manager doesn't affect the overall monthly bill, since Duke is shifting the heating/cooling to a different time of day. However, effective use of a smart thermostat can help lower energy bills by scheduling temperature changes.
 - To qualify, Duke Energy customers must use electricity to heat and cool their home, and already use or purchase a new qualifying smart thermostat.
 - After successfully enrolling with a qualifying smart thermostat, Power Manager participants will receive a \$150 bill credit, as well as a \$50 bill credit each year they stay in the program.