

DARKE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Heat Pump Rebate
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The installation of a new heat pump for heating and cooling in a home, office or other building which uses electricity from Darke Rural Electric Cooperative (Darke REC) qualifies for a rebate. The equipment may serve either a new or existing structure.

The purpose of the requirements which follow is to aid Darke REC in inspecting and verifying the heat pump's eligibility form a rebate from Darke REC. **All requirements must be met to receive a rebate.**

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Qualified Equipment and Installation

- a. Equipment shall be rated according to ARI (Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Institute) test standards and certified by ARI or CSA (Canadian Standards Association) or other nationally recognized testing organizations.
- b. The heat pump shall be a central system or ductless mini-split meeting current minimum federal appliance efficiency standards.
- c. The installer shall be a dealer approved by Darke REC.
- d. Central systems must include properly sized duct work.
- e. The system shall be wired according to the Cooperative's requirements concerning second meters and possible future installation of load control switches for direct load management efforts and in compliance with the National Electric Code and local or Ohio Electric Code requirements.

2. Dealers shall provide to customers, as part of the sales-installation agreement:

- a. Owner's manual and instruction for equipment operation.
- b. Installation instructions and warranties.
- c. An offer for a maintenance-service contract.

3. The participating dealer or consumer shall be required to submit to the participating Cooperative:

- a. Application for rebate.
- b. Upon request by Darke REC, copies of equipment and duct sizing calculations.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REBATE

1. The building must be a residential or non-residential structure which uses electricity from Darke REC.
2. Rebate is to be paid to the Darke REC member that owns the building, or for new construction, the rebate can be paid to the builder/dealer.

C. CONDITIONS OF REBATE

Darke REC shall inspect or confirm the installation before issuing the rebate.

D. REBATE

1. A \$400 will be paid to the Cooperative on the basis of one rebate for each central system or ductless mini-split unit installed.
2. A \$600 rebate will be paid to the member on the basis of one rebate for each qualified unit installed that is ENERGY STAR qualified at the time of installation. See www.energystar.gov for current ENERGY STAR heat pump specifications.
3. The rebate goes to the member who owns the building, or for new construction, the rebate can be paid to the builder/dealer.
4. A maximum of two rebates may be paid per residential consumer-member home.

E. ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Darke REC Board of Trustees will annually review this program for continuation as applicable.