

DARKE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Electric Water Heater Rebate
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The installation of a new electric water heater in a home, office or other building which uses electricity from Darke Rural Electric Cooperative (Darke REC) qualifies for a rebate. The new water heater may be placed in a new or existing building.

The purpose of the requirements which follow is to aid Darke REC in inspecting and verifying the water heater installation's eligibility for a rebate from the cooperative. **All requirements must be met to receive a rebate.**

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Qualified Equipment and Installation
 - a. An electric water heater for original installation (in new construction) or that replaces an existing water heater.
 - b. The water heater must be a new electric storage tank unit that is greater than 90% efficient (greater than 0.90 EF).
 - c. Heat pump water heater must be new unit with a storage volume of 55 gallons or less.
 - d. The water heater shall comply with all applicable local and Ohio plumbing and electrical code requirements.
2. A load management switch must be installed on the water heater which should remain installed for a minimum of five (5) years.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REBATE

1. The building must be a residential, commercial or industrial structure which uses electricity From Darke REC.
2. Rebate is to be paid to the Cooperative member who owns the building, or for new construction, the rebate can be paid to the builder/dealer.

C. CONDITIONS OF REBATE

1. On-demand water heaters are not eligible for this program.
2. The installation of the water heater must be approved by Darke REC.

D. REBATE

1. A \$200 rebate will be paid to the member on the basis of one rebate for each unit installed.
2. A \$250 rebate will be paid to the member on the basis of one rebate for each qualified unit installed that also has a load management switch installed for OEC direct load management efforts. Only a new switch (where a previous switch does not exist) is eligible for the rebate. An existing switch transferred from an old water heater to a new unit is not eligible. The rebate goes to the consumer, or for new construction, the rebate can be paid to the builder/dealer.
3. A maximum of two rebates may be paid per consumer-member home.

E. ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

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