



NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Hot Water System Rebate application form

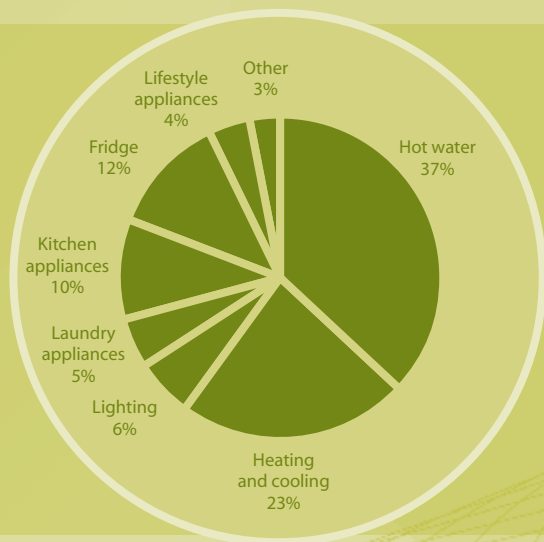


Why are we offering you a rebate?

The NSW Government's \$340 million Climate Change Fund is available to help business, households, schools and government save energy and water.

It includes a \$100 million Residential Rebate Program to help householders make their homes more water and energy efficient. As well as rebates for hot water systems, the Climate Change Fund also provides rebates for rainwater tanks, 4.5 star washing machines and insulation.

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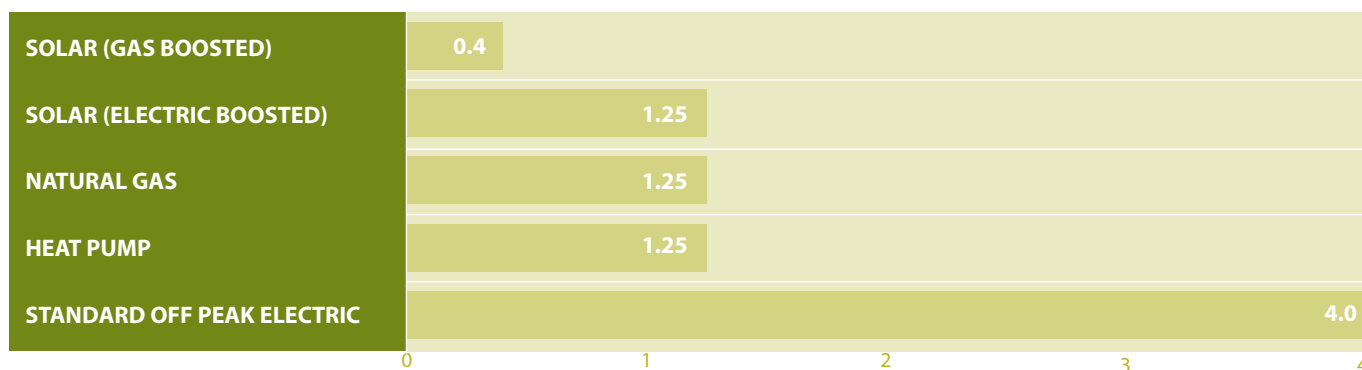


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Saving greenhouse gas emissions

Because such a high proportion of household energy use is for heating water, installing a climate-friendly gas, solar or heat pump hot water system can significantly reduce your household's greenhouse gas emissions. The chart below shows the greenhouse gas emissions typically generated each year by different types of systems to heat the same amount of water.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM HOT WATER SYSTEMS (TONNES PER YEAR)



You can also make the most of your hot water system by using it efficiently:

- + insulate hot water pipes – especially pipes outside the house
- + install a water-efficient showerhead – showering usually makes up more than 30% of hot water use in the home
- + fix dripping taps – a dripping tap can waste 1000 litres of hot water a month.

Eligibility criteria

The NSW Hot Water System Rebate is available for the installation of a new gas, solar or heat pump hot water system which replaces an existing electric system. It is available for hot water systems for residential properties only, purchased in full and installed between October 1, 2007 and June 30, 2009.

The hot water system must be installed by a licenced plumber to ensure that all relevant requirements and regulations are met.

How much is the rebate?

- + \$300 for a gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy rating
- + up to \$1200 for a solar or heat pump hot water system.

The rebate for solar and heat pump hot water systems is based on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved, determined by the eligibility of your system for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), as follows:

NUMBER OF RECs	REBATE
8-19	\$0
20-27	\$600
28-35	\$800
36-43	\$1000
44+	\$1200

Your supplier and/or installer will be able to provide you with more information about RECs. The installer must complete Sections 3 and 4 of the application form, providing full details about your new hot water system, including the system model number, the number of RECs for which it is eligible and confirmation that it has been professionally installed.

To ensure the correct rebate is paid, your plumber must provide the exact model number as listed in the current Australian Gas Association Directory of Certified Gas Appliances and Components or the current Schedule 7 of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001.

Planning requirements

Some local councils have specific rules covering the installation of hot water systems. Check with your local council to ensure your new system complies with local planning requirements.

Applying for the rebate

You apply for the rebate after the hot water system has been installed. You will need to:

- + read and agree to the terms and conditions of the rebate offer on the back of this brochure
- + complete all relevant sections of the application form and sign it
- + make sure your installer has completed sections 3 and 4 of the application form and signed it
- + attach original receipt(s) for the hot water system and installation, showing payment has been made in full.
The receipts will be posted back to you after processing.

Forward the application form and receipts to:

NSW Climate Change Fund Hot Water System Rebate | PO Box A290 | Sydney South NSW 1232.

When will I receive the rebate?

We will send your rebate cheque within 60 days of receiving the completed application form and receipt(s), subject to verification of your application details.

