

# Tax credits for energy-efficient homes and products



Federal tax credits are available for products purchased and installed in existing homes between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2010. (For new homes the credit ends December 31, 2009.) The table below summarizes products that may qualify for tax credits.

Product	Tax Credit Available to:	Estimated Tax Credit	Maximum Credit
Exterior windows	Homeowner	30% (materials cost only)	\$1,500
Skylights	Homeowner	30% (materials cost only)	\$1,500
Exterior doors	Homeowner	30% (materials cost only)	\$1,500
Metal roofs	Homeowner	30% (materials cost only)	\$1,500
Insulation	Homeowner	30% (materials cost only)	\$1,500
Central air conditioning	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	\$1,500
Heat pump	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	\$1,500
Ground-source heat pump	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	N/A*
Water heater	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	\$1,500
Gas, oil, propane furnace or hot water boiler	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	\$1,500
Advanced main air circulating fan	Homeowner	\$50 (materials and labor)	\$50
Energy-efficient appliances	Manufacturer	Varies based on efficiency	Varies
Energy-efficient new homes* (ends December 31, 2009)	Builder	\$2,000	\$2,000
Energy-efficient manufactured homes	Manufacturer	\$1,000 – \$2,000	\$2,000
Solar water heating	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	N/A*
Photovoltaic systems	Homeowner	30% (materials and labor)	N/A*

\* Installed after December 31, 2008, not subject to cap.

**What is a tax credit?**

To figure a tax credit, you calculate the amount of tax you would owe just as you always do, then you subtract the amount of the credit from what you owe. Thus the tax credit is a direct reduction in the amount of tax you pay.

**What is the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction?**

A tax deduction simply reduces the amount of income on which your tax is computed. It lowers your taxable income, which is the base figure you use to calculate your tax liability.

**Where can I learn more about the tax credits?**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org)

SITE-BUILT HOMES

- [www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building\\_america/](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/)
- [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
- [www.natresnet.org](http://www.natresnet.org)

MANUFACTURED HOMES

- [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

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