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# BC HEAT PUMP GRANTS AND REBATES

A quick reference to the rebates and grants available in BC for heat pump upgrades.

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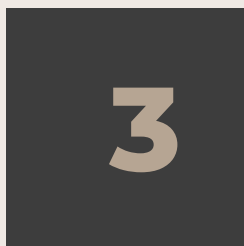
## PROVINCIAL REBATES

BC Hydro, Fortis BC and Clean BC Better Homes



## INCOME QUALIFIED

Clean BC Energy Savings Program



## STEPS AND RESOURCE LIBRARY

General steps for your renovation and heat pump installation



# PROVINCIAL REBATES

Existing primary heating system (before upgrade)	Rebates Available	More details on table:
Natural gas	Up to \$3,000	A
Electric	Up to \$2,000	B
Oil or propane	Up to \$3,000	C
Wood or solid fuel	Up to \$1,500	D

A primary heating system is permanently installed or hardwired, and must serve at least 50% of the home and be able to maintain 21 degrees Celsius for the entire heating system. Space heating rebates are not available for customers upgrading from an existing primary heating system of a gas fireplace

## Important notes:

- Customers are only eligible for one primary space heating rebate per premise regardless of the number and type of heating system upgrade or upgrades. For example, you cannot get a rebate for a furnace and a heat pump, even if you install a new dual fuel heat pump system. **Your second rebate application will be denied.**

- For full program rebate requirements and terms and conditions, visit [bchydro.com/homerebates](http://bchydro.com/homerebates), [fortisbc.com/homerebates](http://fortisbc.com/homerebates), or [betterhomesbc.ca](http://betterhomesbc.ca)



## Existing primary heating system: Natural gas furnace or boiler

### Primary heating system after upgrade:

# A

Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$ \*\* or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$ \*\*  
**\*\* a variable speed compressor is required**

Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Dual fuel ducted heat pump (Natural gas back-up) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$ \*\*  
**\*\*Variable speed compressor is not required**

Rebate amount

**\$1,500 - CleanBC  
 +1,500 BC Hydro top up rebate**

**\$1,500 - CleanBC  
 +\$1,500 BC Hydro top up rebate**

**\$3,000**

Rebate Provider

BC Hydro & CleanBC

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CleanBC

Qualifying models

[bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps](http://bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps)

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Rebate application

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Key requirements

- Must remove fossil fuel system
- Customers only need to complete one application to receive both the CleanBC and BC Hydro rebates.
- Ductless mini-split heat pumps can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less.
- Homes over 1,200 square feet must install a multi-split heat pump or a central ducted heat pump.
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Must have a variable speed compressor

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- Back-up must be a natural gas furnace
- Must remove or modify fossil fuel system
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Variable speed compressor not required
- Must complete heat load calculation
- Outdoor temperature switchover control must be set to the program required temperatures

## Important notes:

Dual fuel systems are only eligible provided:

- The load calculation uses program-approved methodology. Approved methodology can be found at <https://betterhomesbc.ca/faqs/heat-load-calculations/>.
- The thermostat, outdoor temperature switch-over control is set to the following region-specific temperatures for the duration of the product lifetime:
  - a. Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island regions: 5°C.
  - b. Southern Interior and Northern BC: 2°C.
- The AHRI certified reference number for dual fuel systems must show the outdoor unit, indoor unit and furnace.



Existing primary heating system: Hard-wired electric systems(eg. baseboards, radiant ceiling, radiant floors, furnace)

### Primary heating system after upgrade:

# B

Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$  or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Central ducted heat pump (Tier 1) (HSPF  $\geq 8.50$  SEER  $\geq 15$ )

Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Rebate amount

**\$1,000**  
(mini-split and multi-split systems)

**\$1,200 (Mini-split)**  
**\$2,000 (Multi-split)**

**\$1,200**

**\$2,000**

**\$2,000**

Rebate Provider

BC Hydro

FortisBC Electric

FortisBC Electric

BC Hydro

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Qualifying models

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Rebate application

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Key requirements

- One indoor unit (head) must serve a main living area (Family room, living room, or open-concept kitchen-living room)
- Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less.
- Homes over 1,200 square feet must install a multi-split heat pump or a central ducted heat pump.
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Must have a variable speed compressor

- Tier 1 rebate of \$1,200 offered only to FortisBC Electric customers
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) systems must have a variable speed compressor



## Existing primary heating system: Oil or propane furnace or boiler

### Primary heating system after upgrade:

# C

Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$  or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Dual fuel ducted heat pump (Natural gas back-up) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

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rebate**

**\$3,000**

Rebate Provider

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Qualifying models

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Rebate application

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Key requirements

- Must remove fossil fuel system
- Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less.
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Must have a variable speed compressor

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- Back-up must be a propane furnace(2)
- Must remove or modify fossil fuel system
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Variable speed compressor not required
- Must complete heat load calculation(1)
- Outdoor temperature switch-over control must be set to the program required temperatures(1)

## Important notes:

- Dual fuel systems are only eligible provided:
  - i. The load calculation uses program-approved methodology. Approved methodology can be found at: <https://betterhomesbc.ca/faqs/heat-load-calculations/>.
  - ii. The thermostat, outdoor temperature switch-over control is set to the following region-specific temperatures for the duration of the product lifetime:
    - a. Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island regions: 5°C.
    - b. Southern Interior and Northern BC: 2°C.





Existing primary heating system: Wood or solid fuel

### Primary heating system after upgrade:

# D

Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$  or  
Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF  $\geq 10$ , SEER  $\geq 16$ , or, HSPF2  $\geq 8.5$ , SEER2  $\geq 15.2$

Rebate amount

\$1,000

\$2,000

Rebate Provider

CleanBC

CleanBC

Qualifying models

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Rebate application

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Key requirements

- Before and after photos of the wood or solid fuel heating system if it is being removed.
- If the wood or solid fuel heating system is being retained, a copy of an inspection report completed by a Wood Energy Technology Transfer Inc. (WETT)-certified professional. The inspection report must be dated within the 12 month period before or 6 month period following the date of the heat pump installation invoice.
- Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton)
- Must have a variable speed compressor > Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less.

# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

Program	Rebates Available
<b>Provincial Program</b> CleanBC Energy Savings Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Up to \$16,000 off the purchase and installation of an eligible heat pump system</li></ul>

The new heat pump must:

- be capable of distributing heat throughout all the conditioned space in the house served previously by the primary heating system.
- replace the existing fossil fuel heating system and all fossil fuel heating equipment (piping, appliances, fuel containers, vents and associated infrastructure) must be removed in accordance with all applicable laws
- have an AHRI certified reference number that references all components of the heat pump
- be listed as a qualifying system on the Qualified Heat Pump Product List
- be installed in accordance with the Heat Pump Best Practices Installation Guide for Existing Homes
- must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 ton)
- must have variable speed capacity

## Important notes:

- You must meet all criteria for this program to be eligible
- Your qualifying amount may vary, this is dependent on income level
- Applications **MUST** be completed prior to installation

# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM



## Notes:

Eligible homeowners may receive enhanced rebates that cover up to 100% of home upgrade costs. Eligibility codes received after June 18, 2024 are valid for upgrades completed within 6 months of the invoice date.

Free energy coaching, virtual energy assessments, and support in multiple languages available to help decide which home upgrades are best for you.

### Eligibility:

- Home must be year round residence (that is at least 12 months old)
- Must have a residential utility account with FortisBC, BC Hydro, or a municipal utility
- For participants registering in the program under income level 1 or 2 the property must have a total assessed value at or under \$1,230,000 in the BC assessment listing for the address of the applicants home in the year of registration
- If you currently rent the home, a landlord consent form needs to accompany your application
- You **must** pre-register and receive an eligibility code before completing the upgrade
- Upgrade must be completed by a Program Registered Contractor
- Rebates can not exceed cost of invoice

- This funding can not be combined with additional financial assistance from other existing federal, provincial, territorial, and utility programs.

Learn more: <https://www.betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/income-qualified/>

# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM



## Income qualification requirements

- Rebates vary dependent on existing primary heating system
- Participants must meet the program income thresholds
- Level 1 and level 2 must meet the property value requirement, not required for level 3

Number of people living in the home (including adults and children)	Combined pre-tax annual income of all adults in the home (excluding dependants)		
	Income Level 1	Income Level 2	Income Level 3
1	\$47,007	\$61,697	\$99,891
2	\$58,522	\$76,810	\$124,358
3	\$71,945	\$94,428	\$152,884
4	\$87,350	\$114,647	\$185,620
5	\$99,072	\$130,032	\$210,528
6	\$111,735	\$146,653	\$237,438
7 or more	\$124,402	\$163,277	\$264,353



# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM



## Heat pump rebate requirements

- Rebates differ by income level, type of heat pump and original primary heating type
  - **Oil** – Must provide proof of oil use (500Ltrs annually), remove oil heating system and oil tank, use the NRCan Qualified Product List
  - **Natural Gas/Propane** – Must remove fossil fuel heating equipment (must provide invoice)
  - **Electricity** – Convert electric resistance heating to heat pump – Not eligible for electric service upgrades or northern top ups
  - **Wood** – To retain wood heating system requires a WETT inspection report – Not eligible for electric service upgrades or northern top ups
- A low static pressure ducted mini-split with two supply outlets is eligible for the same rebate value as a 2-Head Multi-split system or 2 Single-Head Mini-split Heat Pumps
- A ducted mini and multiple split systems with three or more supply outlets, or a mixed ducted and ductless system with 3 or more zones is eligible for the same rebate value as a Central Ducted system
- At the outside winter design temperature, required heating facilities shall be capable of maintaining an indoor air temperature of not less than 22°C in all living spaces, 18°C in unfinished basements, common service rooms, ancillary spaces and exits in houses with a secondary suite, and 15°C in heated crawl spaces

# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM: HEAT PUMP REBATES FOR NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE HOMES



Upgrade	Requirements	Rebate Maximums		
		Income Level 1	Income Level 2	Income Level 3
Single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$5,500 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per home
2-head multi-split and 2 single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$14,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,500 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$8,000 per home
Central ducted and 3-head multi-split heat pumps	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$16,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$12,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,500 per home
Northern top-up*	Eligible for program approved central ducted, multi-split and 2 single-head mini-split heat pumps	\$3,000	\$3,000	N/A
Northern top-up*	Eligible for program approved single-head mini-split heat pump	\$1,500	\$1,500	N/A



# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM: HEAT PUMP REBATES FOR OIL HOMES



Upgrade	Requirements	Rebate Maximums		
		Income Level 1	Income Level 2	Income Level 3
Single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per home
2-head multi-split and 2 single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$14,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,500 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per home
Central ducted and 3-head multi-split heat pumps	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$16,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$12,000 per home	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$10,500 per home
Northern top-up*	Eligible for program approved central ducted, multi-split and 2 single-head mini-split heat pumps	\$3,000	\$3,000	N/A
Northern top-up*	Eligible for program approved single-head mini-split heat pump	\$1,500	\$1,500	N/A

# ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM: HEAT PUMP REBATES FOR ELECTRIC AND WOOD HOMES



Upgrade	Requirements	Rebate Maximums		
		Income Level 1	Income Level 2	Income Level 3
Single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per home Maximum one primary space heating system rebate per home, regardless of the number of systems installed	100% of eligible upgrade costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per home Maximum one primary space heating system rebate per home, regardless of the number of systems installed	N/A
2-head multi-split and 2 single-head mini-split heat pump	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)			
Central ducted and 3-head multi-split heat pumps	SEER ≥ 16.0, HSPF ≥ 10.0 (Region IV) or SEER2 ≥ 15.2, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5 (Region IV)			

# DUAL FUEL HEATING SYSTEM REBATE

Program	Rebates Available
<b>Provincial Program</b> Fortis BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Up to \$10,000 off the purchase and installation of an eligible heat pump system</li></ul>

## General Eligibility:

- The home must have:
  - a residential FortisBC natural gas account
- If the registered owner of the property where upgrades were made is not the utility account holder (e.g. landlord/tenant) the owner must have the account holder complete the Utility Account Holder Consent form.
- The home must be a year-round primary residence at least 12 months old and be either a single-family, duplex, triplex, row home, townhouse or mobile home on a permanent foundation. New construction, additions and garage upgrades are not eligible.
- Applications must be submitted within six months of the paid invoice date.
- Rebates cannot exceed the paid cost on the invoice.
- New system must be replacing an existing gas furnace that is at least 10 years old

## Important notes:

- You must meet all criteria for this program to be eligible
- New system must be replacing an existing gas furnace that is at least 10 years old
- Invoice **must** be paid in full to complete rebate application





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Read over your quote and decide which option is right for you.

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Email a signed copy of your quote with your choices selected to [info@thermotec.ca](mailto:info@thermotec.ca)

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Send through a deposit.  
The office staff at Thermo Tec can help you with payment options and deposit information. **250-334-7782 or [info@thermotec.ca](mailto:info@thermotec.ca)**

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Complete your registration for any grants and rebates you are applying for.  
These applications are not completed by Thermo Tec Mechanical, and must be completed by the homeowner/resident to confirm eligibility


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Thermo Tec will be in touch with an install date. If you have any questions, or if you need any additional information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out.  
**250-334-7782 or [info@thermotec.ca](mailto:info@thermotec.ca)**

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**Please note that Thermo Tec Mechanical is not able to guarantee the eligibility or final value for any rebates or grants. These programs are at the sole discretion of the providing party (provincial government, federal government, municipal government, or utility provider)**

**It is the sole responsibility of the homeowner/resident to confirm that their property meets requirements for any grants or rebates.**





## RESOURCE LIBRARY



### CLEAN BC BETTER HOMES

Provincial program for rebates and grants related to energy efficient upgrades to your home.

<https://www.betterhomesbc.ca/>



### CLEAN BC BETTER HOMES ENERGY COACHES

Need help or guidance with the grant process? Clean BC's energy coaches may be able to help. Online and phone assistance available.

<https://www.betterhomesbc.ca/connect/>

1-844-881-9790

email: [ask@betterhomesbc.ca](mailto:ask@betterhomesbc.ca)



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We can't wait to work with you, and we hope this information helps your grant process.

We are here to help, If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact our office. We can be reached at 250-334-7782 or [info@thermotec.ca](mailto:info@thermotec.ca)



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