

How To Apply For Your: Solar Water Heating Rebate

To apply for your \$450 rebate, please carefully read the information below, then complete the **Rebate Request Form**.

Rebate Requirements:

- Please refer to the Solar Water Heater Rebate Policy below for complete details.
- A copy of the contractor's invoice must be attached and mailed to the address above within 90 days of installation. The invoice must include customer name, address of installation and date.
- Limit one rebate per residential customer account.

Solar Water Heater Rebate Policy:

Section 1. Overview

Solar water heaters ("SWHs") are a cost-effective and environmentally responsible alternative to conventional methods of producing domestic hot water. Utility offers a conditional rebate of \$450 to qualifying customers as an incentive to install SWHs. Customers benefit from solar technology through utility bill savings and sound environmental stewardship; Utility benefits by reducing its peak demand and reliance on power production from fossil fuels.

Section 2. Program Eligibility Criteria and Requirements

The following criteria and requirements must be met for a customer to be deemed eligible for a rebate.

2.01. Eligible Participants

- Only residential retail electric customers of record may qualify for a SWH rebate.
- The SWH system must be located on the customer's premises, and within Utility's service territory, and must receive retail electric service from Utility.
- Only one (1) rebate is allowed per residential account.
- **Rebate is based on Date of Purchase**

2.02. System Requirements

- The SHW system must be Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) Certified solar domestic water heating equipment.
- The SHW system must be guaranteed against freeze damage.
- The SHW system must be installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with all applicable codes, laws, ordinances, and rules, and all necessary permits must be obtained prior to installation.
- The SHW system must be installed at the customer's premises, which must be located within Utility's service territory. The primary purpose of the SHW system must be to provide domestic hot water to the premises.
- The SHW system must replace, or take the place of, an electric hot water heater.
- The SHW system must be installed by a licensed Florida contractor
- The SHW system must be new. All SHW system components (i.e. collectors, valves, piping, tanks, pumps, insulation, controllers, etc.) must be new and must not have been previously placed in service in any other location for any other application. Rebuilt, refurbished, or relocated equipment is not eligible for a rebate.
- Ineligible Systems - Solar pool heating systems of all types, including spas, whether residential, commercial or institutional, are ineligible for a rebate. Additional solar thermal technologies such as solar heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment are also excluded.

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Send Rebate Requests to:

Ocala Electric Utility
REBATES
201 SE 3rd Street
Ocala, FL 34471

Questions or comments may be directed to:

352-629-2489

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- The SHW system must be at least 80% shade free as calculated from the middle of the lowest edge of the collector(s).

2.03. Application;

- An application for rebate must be completed and sent to the Ocala Electric Utility **within 90 days of installation**.
- A copy of the contractor's original invoice must be attached. The invoice must include the customer name, address and date of installation. The receipt must state the manufacture of the qualifying equipment and model number(s).
- Inspection. Utility reserves the right to inspect the SHW system at any time to ensure that it is consistent with this policy. On-site inspection may be performed, at Utility's discretion, prior to issuance of the rebate.

2.04. Additional Terms; Rebate Credit

- Utility reserves the right to
 - Withhold payment of any rebate until any identified problems with the solar hot water systems are resolved.
 - Terminate this rebate in whole or in part due to the recipient's failure to fulfill the terms and conditions in this document, or due to non-appropriation of necessary funds.
 - Alter the SHW rebate program at any time and without notice.
- All rebates are subject to funding availability. Utility may cancel a rebate at any time prior to payment, without notice, due to lack of available funds.
- Rebates may take between 6-8 weeks for processing.
- Rebates may be paid to customer in the form of a credit on one or more of customer's monthly electric consumption bill. In no event shall any rebate credit on a monthly customer bill exceed the amount owed by customer. In the event that a qualifying customer is in default of any payment obligations to Utility, Utility may, in its sole discretion, apply the rebate as a credit against such default amounts.

2.05. Limit of Liability; Indemnification

- In no way shall Utility be liable for, and Customer hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Utility, its subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective employees, officers and directors, from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense, including attorney's fees, that may be caused by, due to, occasioned by, or otherwise arising out of the installation, operation, misoperation, or use of Customer's SHW system.
- Customer acknowledges and agrees that in no event shall any statement, representation, or lack thereof, either express or implied, by Utility, relieve the Customer of exclusive responsibility for the Customer's system. Specifically, Utility's approval of the rebate application, payment of the rebate, or any Utility inspection of the SHW system shall not be construed as confirming or endorsing the system design or its operating or maintenance procedures nor as a warranty or guarantee as to the safety, reliability, or durability of the SHW system equipment.

2.06. Renewable Energy Credits; Green Attributes

- By participating in this program, customer agrees that Utility shall have the sole right to obtain and retain ownership of, and to qualify for and receive the full benefit of, any and all existing and future credits, certificates, benefits, environmental attributes, emissions reductions, offsets and/or allowances, however entitled, attributable to the installation and/or operation of the eligible equipment.

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Customer Information:

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Account #: _____
Address of Installation
(if different from above): _____
Contractor Name: _____
Contractor Address: _____
Contractor Phone: _____

Water Heater Information:

Date Purchased: _____ Date Installed: _____
Permit # _____
Collector Square Feet: _____ Collector Orientation: N S E W
Collector Manufacturer: _____ Collector Angle: _____
Model #: _____
FSEC Certification: _____
Type: Passive/Active _____
Tank Capacity (gallons) _____
Tank Manufacturer: _____
Model #: _____

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REBATES
201 SE 3rd Street
Ocala, FL 34471

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Size of Bedrooms/Home (Sq Ft) _____ # of Bedrooms _____ # of Bathrooms _____

I hereby certify that the requirements of the utility's "Rebate Policy" and the requirements above have been met, that the equipment listed above is installed at the address listed and, if requested, I will allow a representative of the utility to physically inspect the installation. In addition, I certify that I have not previously received or applied for other utility incentives or rebates for the improvements on this application. By participating in this program, I agree that the utility shall have the sole right to obtain and retain ownership of, and to qualify for and receive the full benefit of, any and all existing and future credits, certificates, benefits, environmental attributes, emissions reductions, offsets and/or allowances, however entitled, attributable to the installation and/or operation of the eligible equipment.

(Customer Signature)

(Date)

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