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Welcome to today's program!

***Residential Energy Efficiency
Program Resource Fair***

Part of the SECHA 2026 Energy Affordability Series

Norwich Public Utilities

2026 Energy Efficiency Rebate and Incentive Programs



Home Energy Savings (HES) Audits

Schedule a **FREE** home energy assessment today – and your wallet, your family and your planet will see the benefits. Lantern Energy can help you make eco-friendly changes and see an economic return.

- ▶ **Reduce your energy bills:** Lantern can show you ways to save hundreds of dollars each year, without even missing a thing.
- ▶ **Make your home improvements cost-efficient:** Learn about available rebates, incentives, and tax credits.
- ▶ **Help the environment:** Reduce your carbon footprint and your dependence on carbon-based fuels while lowering your energy use by up to 25%.



EV & PHEV Rebates

Rebates available on the purchase or lease of 2022 and newer electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs).

- ▶ New EV: \$1,500
- ▶ Used EV: \$1,000
- ▶ New PHEV: \$1,000
- ▶ Used PHEV: \$500



EV Charger Rebates

Rebates available for the purchase and installation of new electric vehicle charging equipment installed within NPU electric service territory.

Rebate excludes taxes & installation costs.

- ▶ Level II Residential Home Charger: Up to \$1,000
- ▶ Level II Commercial Charger: Up to \$12,000
 - ▶ For multifamily (4+ units) or workplace charging
- ▶ Level II Commercial Charger: Up to \$4,000
 - ▶ For public use



Cool Choice

High Efficiency Central Air / Heat Pump Rebate

- ▶ Ducted and ductless central air systems
- ▶ Systems can be single package or split
- ▶ Rebates of up to \$350 / ton
- ▶ Additional \$500 rebate for electric heating customers
- ▶ Available for residential and commercial projects



Minimum SEER2 / SEER	Rebate / Ton	Minimum SEER2 / SEER	Rebate / Ton
15.2 / 16.0	\$250	17.0 / 18.0	\$350

Natural Gas Heating System Rebates

Equipment	Minimum Efficiency	Rebate
Furnace, Wall/ Ceiling Heater	95%	\$400
Boiler, condensing / tankless	90%	\$600
Combination tankless boiler	90%	\$850 - \$1,050
Tankless water heater	82%	\$250 - \$450
Indirect water heater	90%	\$250



Programs effective 1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026

Natural Gas Expansion

- ▶ Connection fee for natural gas service waived for new gas heating customers (furnace or boiler connection)
 - ▶ Where applicable, restrictions apply
- ▶ Incentive of up to \$1,000 for eligible customers who convert to natural gas heating
 - ▶ In addition to applicable heating system rebates
- ▶ Verification of natural gas and incentive availability required



Energy Star Appliance Rebates

- ▶ Storage tank water heater
 - ▶ \$60
- ▶ Heat pump water heater
 - ▶ Up to \$1,200
- ▶ Window air conditioners
 - ▶ \$60, maximum 3 lifetime
- ▶ Heat pump dryer
 - ▶ \$500



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Wall & Attic Insulation Rebates

- ▶ Insulation must be installed by a licensed contractor
- ▶ Retrofit applications only
- ▶ Wall insulation: Up to \$1.25/sf
 - ▶ At least R-13 final for 2x4 construction
 - ▶ At least R-21 final for 2x6 construction
- ▶ Attic insulation: Up to \$1.75/sf
 - ▶ Minimum of R-19 added, final R value of at least R-38
- ▶ Available for residential and commercial projects





E-Bike & E-Scooter Bill Credit

New for 2026: customers can receive a bill credit of up to \$750 for the purchase of a new electric bike or electric scooter.

- ▶ Limit (1) rebate application per electric utility account
- ▶ Refurbished products and conversion kits do not qualify



Programs effective 1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026



Smart Thermostat Rebate

New for 2026: customers can get up to \$125 back for purchasing a Wi-Fi enabled smart thermostat.

- ▶ Maximum (2) thermostat rebates per utility account
- ▶ Examples include Google Nest, Ecobee, Amazon Smart Thermostat



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CHIPP

Cooling & Heating Incentive Pilot Program

- ▶ Whole or hybrid installations with ducted or ductless qualifying systems (NEEP certified – must meet minimum SEER requirements).
- ▶ Requires removal of, or integration with, the existing heating system.
- ▶ Rebates of:
 - ▶ Up to \$1,200 / ton on condensers
 - ▶ Up to \$2,000 on integrated controls
 - ▶ Up to \$2,200 on electric heat pump water heaters
- ▶ Available for residential and commercial projects.



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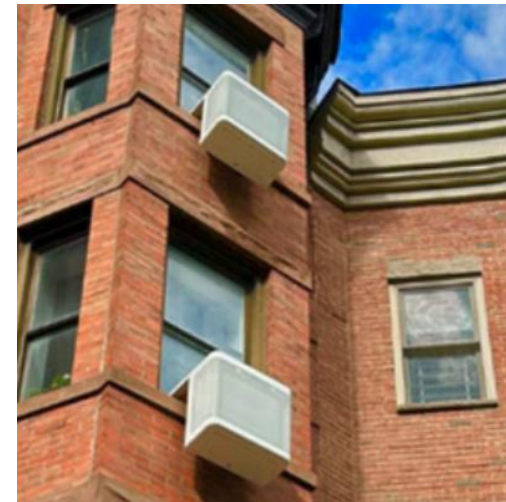




Heat Pump Window Unit Rebate

New for 2026: An additional option under the CHIPP rebate program. Ideal for multi-family homes, apartments, rentals and small spaces.

- ▶ Heating and cooling in one unit
- ▶ No plumbing or electrical upgrades required for installation
- ▶ Up to \$2,000 rebate per unit



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Efficiency **matters**
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Programs effective 1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026

Commercial Lighting Rebates

- ▶ Rebate covers up to 50% of the project cost including labor, materials and disposal
- ▶ High-efficiency lighting upgrades must be DLC/Energy Star rated
- ▶ 75% new load requires integrated controls – i.e. occupancy sensors
- ▶ Program caps apply
- ▶ Available for commercial projects only



Other Commercial & Industrial Rebates

- ▶ Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) - \$175 per horsepower
- ▶ Customized Incentives – any specialized energy efficient equipment outside of current programs – up to 50% of project cost
- ▶ New Construction & Major Renovations – rebate is 50% of the incremental difference between code and above code (lighting & equipment only - no building envelope)



Important Notes:

- ▶ Select rebate and incentive programs are subject to program caps.
- ▶ Programs are effective from 1/1/2026 – 6/30/2026.
- ▶ NPU evaluates all rebate programs twice per year. Program continuation will depend on demand for the program and available funding.
- ▶ NPU does not endorse any specific contractors/partners for the programs.



Financing Options for Customers

► Residential:

- Low-interest rate financing options via Smart E-Loans are available through local lenders

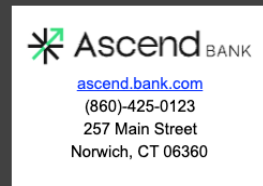
► Commercial:

- 0% interest financing for projects is available through local lenders
- Allows customers to amortize energy efficiency project costs for up to 7 years
- C-PACE for projects larger than \$50,000



Financing Options

Low interest financing options are available through these local lenders:



*Designed to help you lower
energy use at home*



Let's Talk Energy: Energy Efficiency Solutions for Connecticut

April 22, 2026

Agenda

1. Understanding Energy Efficiency
2. The First Step: Weatherization
3. Energy Efficiency Offers for Connecticut Residents
4. More Ways to Save
5. Energy-Saving Tips
6. Programs to Help
7. Questions

Understanding Energy Efficiency

What is Energy Efficiency?

The use of less energy to perform the same task or produce the same result. Many products, homes, and buildings use more energy than needed because of inefficiencies.

Why is Energy Efficiency Important?

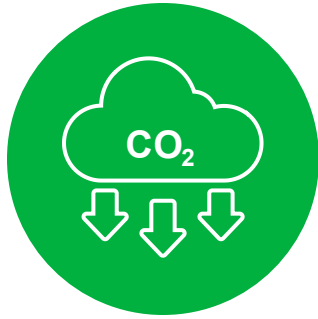
- It can lower energy bills
- It provides environmental benefits by reducing air pollution
- It provides community benefits by introducing cost-effective technologies and infrastructure - particularly to historically underserved communities
- It promotes health benefits by producing cleaner air, water and land
- It increases the resilience and reliance on the electric grid



Understanding Energy Efficiency



Energy efficiency can help reduce energy use, potentially lowering your overall energy bills



Energy efficiency reduces air pollutants, carbon and greenhouse gases



Energy efficiency creates jobs



Programs are funded by a charge customers electric and natural gas bills

Empowering Connecticut to Make Smart Energy Choices



Eversource, Avangrid, Inc. subsidiaries CNG, SCG and UI, the Energy Efficiency Board, Connecticut Green Bank, and the State have united on a shared mission - to provide Connecticut residents and businesses the resources they need to **save money and use clean energy**.

The Energize Connecticut initiative empowers our communities to make smart energy choices, now and in the future.



Connecticut: Weatherization

The Journey Starts with Home Energy SolutionsSM

An assessment and service to evaluate your home for energy-saving opportunities and provide on-the-spot improvements plus recommendations for additional savings.

Available to qualifying homeowners and renters for a \$40 copay

- Services valued at an average of \$1,000; on average, participants save \$70-\$100 on annual energy bills

No copay and enhanced incentives for income eligible customers through Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible.

Access to Rebates and Incentives for:

- ENERGY STAR[®] certified appliances and heating, cooling and water heating systems
- Up to 75% off recommended insulation; up to 100% for income eligible customers
- Triple pane windows
- Smart devices, like thermostats



Connecticut: Home Energy Solutions

How to Enroll



Call

877-WISE-USE
(877-947-3873)



Online Form

Eversource-CT.com/HES



HES-IE Application

Available online
(English/Spanish)

Online Income Verification

[EnergizeCT.com/
Income-Verification](https://EnergizeCT.com/Income-Verification)

Connecticut: More Ways to Save



Insulation and Window Rebates

- Improve energy efficiency and receive rebates for upgrading insulation and windows to enhance comfort and reduce energy bills



Heating and Cooling Rebates

- Maximize your savings with rebates on energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, like air source heat pumps



Water Heating Instant Discounts

- Save on hot water with instant rebates on energy-efficient water heating equipment, like heat pump water heaters



Appliance Rebates and Incentive

- Upgrade smartly with rebates and incentives for purchasing ENERGY STAR® certified appliances to reduce energy consumption, like clothes washers

Connecticut: More Ways to Save



Eversource Savings Center

- Our online marketplace for a wide range of energy-saving products and tools to help you save energy and money



Residential New Construction

- Energy Efficiency: Enhance your building's energy efficiency through construction and remodeling. Access incentives to lower your energy costs and increase comfort



Demand Response and Smart Devices

- Get Paid to Save: Use less energy when others use more with smart thermostats
- Incentives for Energy Storage: Store your generated energy in batteries and receive incentives for lowering grid demand



Renewable Energy

- Compensation for Power Production: Earn for your solar energy and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)



Electric Vehicles

- Charger and/or wiring upgrade rebates to help with the purchase and set up of EV home charging for income eligible customers
- Managed Charging incentives for charging your electric vehicle at certain times



Recycling

- Have a second fridge or freezer? Have it picked up at no cost and get a rebate for having it responsibly recycled

Tips To Reduce Energy Use at Home



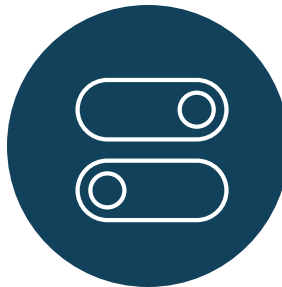
Thermostat Settings:
Below 68°F in winter, at
or above 75°F in summer



ENERGY STAR®
certified LED bulbs



Warm sunshine and
heavy drapes



Turn off lights and electronics
and stop phantom power



Wash in cold water



Change furnace filters

Eversource Programs to Help

- Electric Discount Rate
- Fuel Assistance Partnership Programs
- Payment Plans and Assistance Programs

Handouts are available with more detailed information

eversource.com/billhelp | 800-286-2828

Scan for more information



A green-tinted photograph of a protest banner. The banner is white with green text and a logo. The text is arranged in four lines: 'EMPOWERING' on the first line, 'A CLEAN ENERGY' on the second line, 'EVERSOURCE' on the third line, and 'FUTURE' on the fourth line. The 'EVERSOURCE' logo is a stylized circle with a horizontal line through it. The banner is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds and green trees.

EMPOWERING

A CLEAN ENERGY

EVERSOURCE

FUTURE

Questions

EVERSOURCE

Thanks
for listening.



Conservation & Sustainability

Advancing Energy Efficiency across Groton Utilities and Bozrah Light & Power

2026 SECHA - Norwich



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BOZRAH LIGHT & POWER

Conservation & Sustainability - Conservation Goals



▶ Customer and Community Driven:

- ▶ Provide the best quality services at the lowest possible rates while remaining viable in the present and in the future.
 - ▶ The mission of the Electric Operations Department is to provide our customers with high-quality and reliable power.
 - ▶ Our goal is reliability, keeping the power flowing, and service that is second to none.
- ▶ **Conservation & Sustainability Goals**
 - ▶ Focus conservation programs on energy efficiency to decrease carbon footprint and be environmentally friendly (Strategic Business Plan - 2021)
 - ▶ Stewardship - We safeguard our resources, community and employees through planning, effective management and regulatory compliance.
 - ▶ Prioritizing **Clean Air** and **Water** and **Energy** improve the lives of those who live and work in the communities we serve.

Maximizing Comfort & Savings through Efficiencies



- ▶ **Maximizing Comfort & Savings through Efficiencies**
 - ▶ Designing & Promoting GU/BLP Energy Efficient Rebate Programs to make your home more comfortable and cost-effective.
- ▶ **Why Efficiency Matters (Beyond the Monthly Bill)**
 - ▶ Investing in your home's performance pays dividends in multiple ways
 - ▶ **Enhanced Comfort:** Eliminates drafts and cold spots; stays cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.
 - ▶ **Sustainable Community:** Local conservation efforts directly reduce our collective carbon footprint and supports regional climate goals.
 - ▶ **Property Value:** Modern, energy-efficient HVAC and insulation are high-value features for long-term home investment.
 - ▶ **Grid Stability:** Reducing peak demand helps ensure a more resilient and reliable local power grid for everyone.
- ▶ Prioritizing **Energy Efficiency** improves the lives of those who live and work in the communities we serve.

Conservation & Sustainability - Rebate Programs

Existing Programs

<u>Residential*</u>	<u>Commercial**</u>
Home Energy Savings Program	Comm. Lighting
Attic Insulation Program	Comm. Heating & Cooling
Smart Thermostat Rebate Program	Custom Applications
Heat Pump Water Heater	
HVAC Mini-Splits Program	

* - Restrictions apply

** - For year 2026, all Commercial Rebate Programs need prior authorization.

▶ **Home Energy Savings Program*:**

- ▶ GU/BLP Residential Home Energy Savings Program provides a free comprehensive in-home energy assessment service for your dwelling which may include the following services.

▶ **Attic Insulation Rebate*:**

- ▶ Attic insulation rebate up to \$2.00(R-38) or \$2.50(R-49) per square foot

▶ **Smart Thermostat Rebate*:**

- ▶ This program will provide rebates to customers who purchase and install a smart thermostat in their home. Rebate is valid for a maximum of \$200 per thermostat or the total cost of the thermostat, whichever is lower. Maximum of two (2) thermostat units per account.

▶ **Water Heater Rebate*:**

- ▶ Program provides cash incentives for new or replacement energy efficient heat pump water heaters that meet high efficiency standards, covering the full cost of the water heater unit (installation not included) up to a maximum of \$2,000.

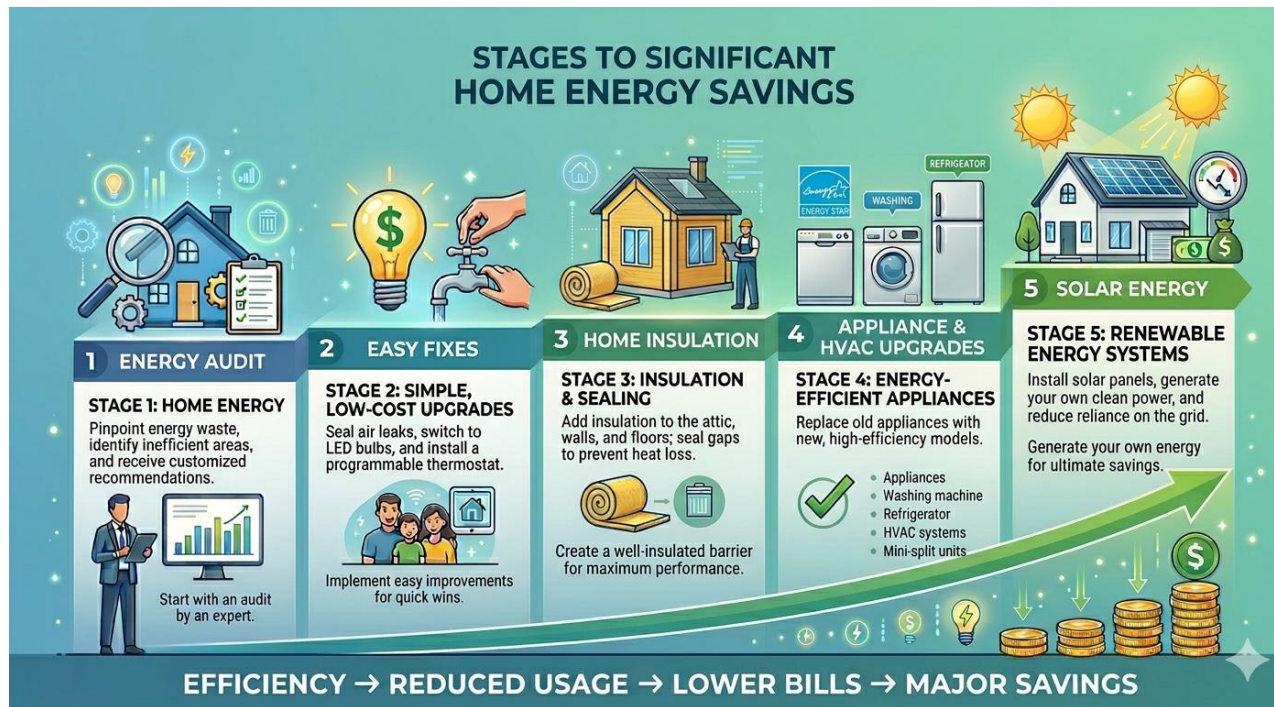
▶ **HVAC Mini-Splits Rebate*:**

- ▶ Rebate is up to \$4,000 per compressor, and not to exceed \$3,000 a ton. Maximum of \$50,000 per customer.
- ▶ Maximum of 2 units per electrical account.



Conservation & Sustainability - Best Practices

Best Practices



- ▶ Stage 1: The Energy Audit
- ▶ Stage 2: Low-Cost “Quick Wins”
- ▶ Stage 3: Envelope Improvements (Insulation)
- ▶ Stage 4: HVAC, Appliance & Equipment Upgrades
- ▶ Stage 5: Renewable Energy Integration

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► Discussion:



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Experts in advanced air sealing, duct sealing, and insulation. The only approved contractor to perform these services in SNEW/TTD territory

Named one of the top 25 insulation contractors in the U.S. by the Insulation Contractors Association of America (ICAA) for 2025

Certified Aeroseal[™] Dealer

Coming soon: Lantern Heating & Cooling



NPU/GU/BL&P:
Home Energy
Savings

Eversource:
Home Energy
SolutionsSM

Different program names, same goal:
save energy

Cost

NPU/GU/BL&P

- No cost to customer

Eversource

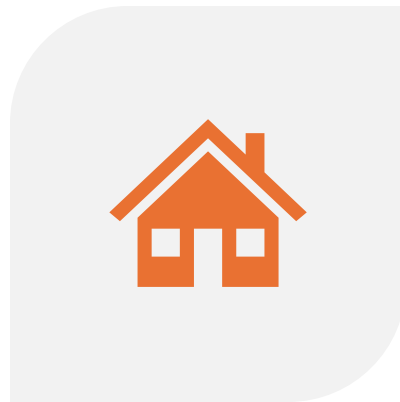
- Market Rate: \$40 copay as of 4/1/26
- Income-Eligible: no cost to customer



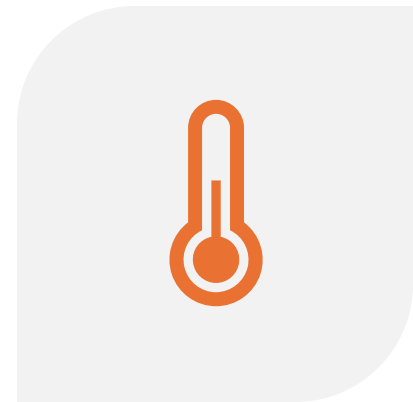
Why participate?



HIGH UTILITY BILLS



DRAFTY HOME



SOME ROOMS COLDER
THAN OTHERS



Who Is Eligible?

- Landlords
- Tenants (with written landlord authorization)
- Single family homes
- Apartments (2-4 units)
- Condos



Most Impactful Improvements

Air Sealing

Duct
Sealing

Insulation





Home safety checks

- Asbestos-containing material
- Mold-like substance
- Combustion safety tests

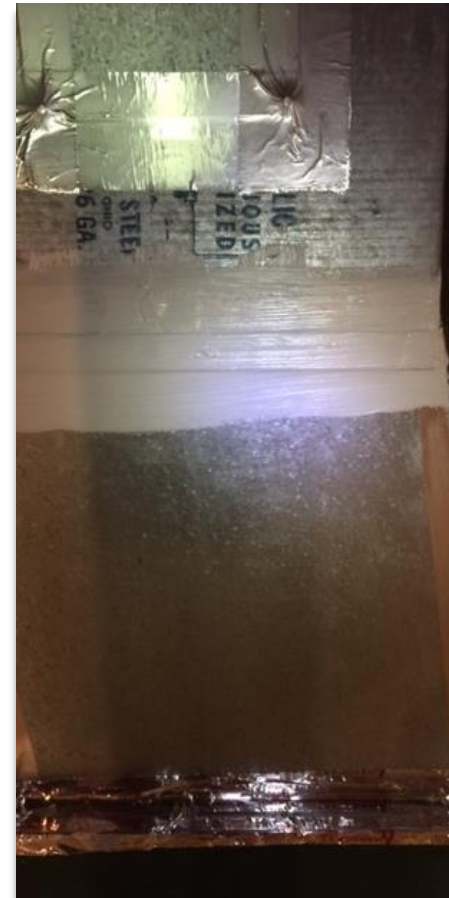




Blower Door Test

- Pinpoints air leaks/drafty areas that we seal on the spot, resulting in a more airtight and comfortable home.
 - **Air sealing** is completed with low expanding foam, caulking, weatherstripping and door sweeps.





Duct sealing keeps your heated/cooled air flowing to the living space.



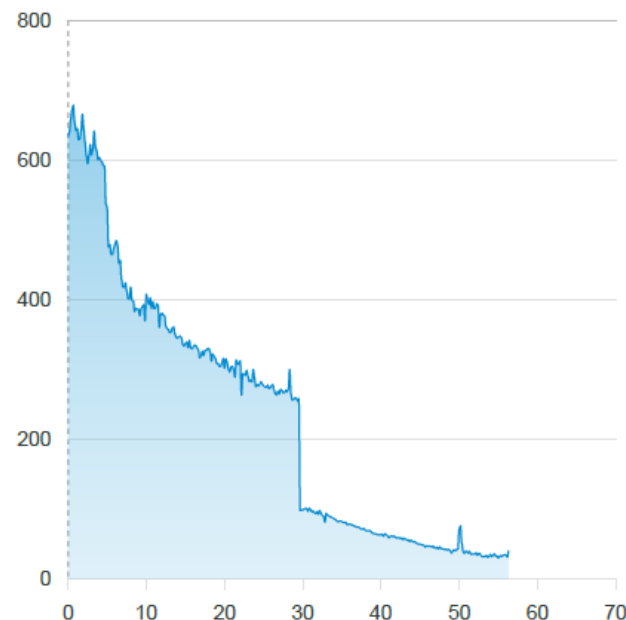
CERTIFIED LEAKAGE REPORT

Duct sealing performed for:

CT24P02703089

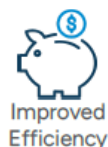
Technician Name: 5688
Date: 5/23/2025

Leakage (CFM@25Pa)



Duct leakage results are calculated in CFM calculated at a STANDARD OPERATING PRESSURE of 25 Pa.

Going Beyond Any Other Energy Reduction Service



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Aeroseal
aeroseal.com
877-FIX-DUCT
info@aeroseal.com



Aeroseal Case ID: 5688

System Description: 1st floor air handler

Seal Description: 1st floor

Hardware: Homeseal Connect

Area Served by Air Handler: 2000.0 ft²

Square Footage of Residence: 2000.0 ft²

	Initial	Final
CFM@25Pa	634.65	40.71
CFM/100ft ² @25Pa	31.73	2.04
Equivalent Hole Size (Sq.In)	119.90	7.69
% System Capacity	79.3 %	5.1 %
93.6% Improvement Equivalent to planting 50 trees		

Advanced Duct Sealing*

*Incentives available for Eversource, UI, GU/BLP customers

Additional Energy Saving Measures



Water-saving sink
aerators and
showerheads



LED light bulbs*



Pipe insulation

**LED light bulbs only available for NPU/GU/BL&P customers*

Upgrade Recommendations:

Insulation



Heating system



Water heater

Utility Incentives: Insulation



Eversource:

Up to \$2.00/sq ft (up to \$10,000) for attic, basement, exterior walls, rim joist

Cost of insulation is 100% covered for Income Eligible customers



NPU:

Up to \$1.75/sq ft for attic insulation
Up to \$1.25/sq ft for wall insulation



GU/BL&P:

Up to \$2.50/sq ft for attic insulation



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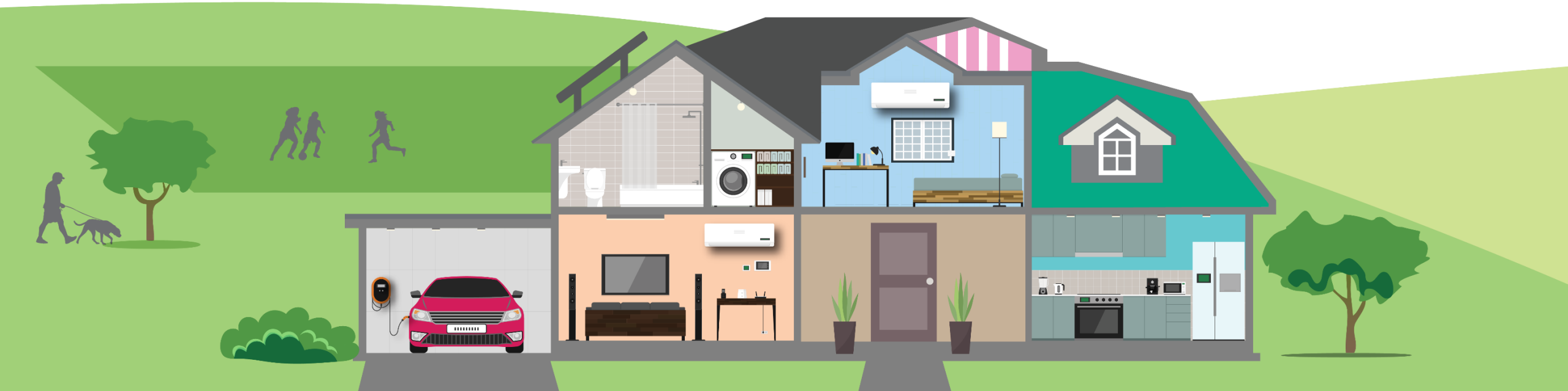
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April 2026



smart-e loan

- Unsecured, personal loan for energy improvements at 1–4 unit, owner-occupied residential properties **statewide** in Connecticut
- **90+ eligible measures** - HVAC, solar, insulation, heat pumps and new – climate resiliency!
- Loan amounts: **\$500 - \$50,000**
- **No money down**
- Fixed monthly payments - No prepayment penalty



Financing for Projects – Smart E Loan

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Terms	5 or 7 Years	10 Years	12 Years	15 or 20*
Rates	6.99%	6.99%	7.49%	7.99%

* Lender participation varies

Financing for Projects



www.ctgreenbank.com/smart-e

EE and RE Eligible for Financing (examples)

Heating and Cooling

- Air source heat pumps
- Geothermal
- High Efficiency furnace / boiler
- Heat pump water heating
- Fuel conversion
- On demand water heating

Home Performance

- Battery back up (ESS)
- Solar PV
- Solar Hot Water
- Insulation!!
- Duct / Air Sealing
- Windows
- EV Charging

Others

- Roof repair / replace with solar
- Asbestos removal
- Tree removal with solar

New Measures Eligible for Financing (examples)

Water Related & Landscaping

- Elevate utilities
- Install unions, fittings, valves for removal
- Repair/ replace plumbing & lead pipes
- Well improvements
- Septic improvements
- Replace impervious surface
- Plant native trees

Resilience

- Battery back up (ESS)
- Electric service and wiring upgrades
- Elevate utilities
- High impact glass
- Storm shutters

Floodproofing

- Basement windows
- Sump pumps
- French drains
- Wall sealant
- Air vent system

Heat Pump Special Offer *

- 0.99% interest rate
 - Limited to 5 and 7 year terms
 - Maximum loan amount: \$25,000
 - Any amount beyond \$25k will be at the regular rate, which would be calculated at a blended rate
- If a homeowner wants a 10-year term their Smart-E loan rate will be
 - 2.99% interest rate
 - Maximum loan amount: \$30,000
 - Any amount beyond \$30k will be at the regular rate, which would also be calculated at a blended rate

* Eversource or UI (Avangrid) territory only



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Questions?



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Next event in the SECHA Energy Affordability Series:
Groton Area Energy Efficiency Resource Fair, April 29, 4:30 – 6:00, Thrive55
Additional info at: secogct.gov/southeastern-ct-housing-alliance

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