



# Smart Thermostat Program



## Energy Efficiency Program

By your local public electric utility together with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

*If you have a home Wi-Fi connection and a central air-conditioning or heat pump system, you may qualify for an incentive of up to \$100 for installing a qualifying smart thermostat.*

*Smart thermostat technology from brands such as Honeybee, Nest and Ecobee is most beneficial for households that have extended periods during the day when no one is home, those that turn their thermostat down during bedtime hours or those that have irregular occupancy through the week, month or year.*

### Incentives

Primary Electric Heat (Professionally Installed) \$100

Primary Electric Heat (Customer Installed) \$75

Primary Fossil-Fuel Heat (Professionally Installed) \$50

Primary Fossil-Fuel Heat (Customer Installed) \$25

### Qualifications

- Eligible smart thermostats must be an ENERGYSTAR-certified Smart Thermostat. A list of eligible smart thermostats can be found at <http://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-connected-thermostats/results>
- Confirm your home's HVAC system is compatible with the selected thermostat.
- Install the thermostat (professional installation is recommended) and ensure an operative Wi-Fi connection.
- Complete and submit incentive application with proof-of-purchase to your local electric utility for installation verification. If professionally installed, submit copy of your contractor's invoice.

### Guidelines

1. Smart thermostats must be purchased and installed on or after June 1, 2019. Completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted within 6 months of installation. All other thermostat installations do not qualify.
2. Only Residential customers/owners that have a home Wi-Fi connection and a central air conditioning or heat pump system qualify for Smart Thermostat energy efficiency incentives. Duplexes and multi-family dwellings in which each residence is individually metered are eligible. Commercial, industrial and other customer classes do not qualify.
3. Offer is limited to one incentive per residential central forced-air heating and cooling (HVAC) system and up to two (2) qualifying systems per household.

4. New construction or additions to existing dwellings do not qualify. To be eligible for an incentive, household must be heated during the winter months of October through May.
5. For applicants of rented or leased residences, applicant must receive permission from the property owner to install the equipment. Submission of an application indicates that the tenant has obtained this permission.
6. "Professionally Installed" is the term used in this program to identify that the installation was completed by a qualified professional contractor. Most often this will be a heating and cooling contractor. If professionally installed, a copy of contractor invoicing is required to be eligible for the additional \$25 incentive.
7. Qualifying Smart Thermostats must be purchased, installed and connected through a permanent, home-based Wi-Fi connection before an energy efficiency incentive is issued.
8. An incentive will be provided to the person responsible for purchasing and installing the Smart Thermostat. No incentive(s) will be paid without the completion of the application form. The application form must then be signed by the owner and installing contractor (if applicable). The completed application form and a copy of sales receipt(s) or invoice(s) identifying the Brand, Model Number, Purchase Date, and Retailer Name must accompany each smart thermostat incentive application when submitted to the local electric utility for installation verification.
9. The incentive payment to the person responsible for purchasing and installing the Smart Thermostat will come directly from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). Please allow 45 days for delivery of incentives. Submitting an application with incomplete or missing information may delay processing of the incentive.
10. Participating electric utilities are those that are wholesale customers of MEAN. MEAN members/participants are listed at [www.nmppenergy.org/mean](http://www.nmppenergy.org/mean).
11. The MEAN Services Committee and staff will make final determination of program compliance decisions and reserves the right to cancel the program with 30 days notice.
12. Neither the local electric utility nor MEAN warrant the performance of any material either expressly or implicitly. Contact the manufacturer, supplier or contractor for details regarding material warranties.
13. Program is subject to the Terms and Conditions as outlined on the application and to the guidelines listed here.

Program guidelines and applications are available at: [www.nmppenergy.org/mean](http://www.nmppenergy.org/mean)

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