

Jersey Central Power & Light Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® FAQ's

Q: When is JCP&L's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program launching?

A: JCP&L plans to launch Home Performance with ENERGY STAR on July 1, 2021.

Q: What is the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program?

A: Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) is designed to transform how energy efficiency services are delivered to existing homes. To qualify for the Program's cash incentives and financing options:

- 1) All materials and equipment must be purchased new;
- 2) The energy efficiency improvements must be performed by a Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified contractor participating in the Program;
- 3) Must meet or exceed the minimum efficiency requirements.

Q: What is a Home Performance ENERGY STAR Audit?

A: The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR audit is the first step toward improving a home's energy efficiency and reducing energy bills. During this comprehensive energy audit, the BPI-certified contractor tests and evaluates the home using advanced diagnostic equipment and building science principles to determine which areas would benefit from energy efficiency and health and safety-related improvements. Features to be tested include but are not limited to heating and cooling equipment, insulation levels, air infiltration, appliances and lighting.

Specifically, the contractor tests for air leakage using a blower door; may identify primary leakage areas with an infrared scan; conducts a series of combustion-related tests; and looks for opportunities to improve the home's insulation, heating and cooling system, appliances, and lighting. The contractor will then explain what improvements can be made and what they will cost.

Q: What incentives will be available for the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program?

A: Incentives and financing for projects that have a minimum savings percentage of 5% based on modeled reduction of consumption are as follows:

- Rebate is \$2,000 + \$150 for each percentage point of savings above 5%, up to \$5,000, not to exceed 50% of costs.
- Contractor Production incentive of up to \$500.
- Financing will also be available.

Q: What are the requirements to become a Participating Contractor in the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program?

A: Contractors must be:

- Building Performance Institute (BPI) Certified
- Hold a NJ Business Registration Certificate
- General Liability Certificate of Insurance, employer's Liability, and Automobile Insurance with minimum of \$1,000,000 coverage, \$2,000,000 of excess of Umbrella, and \$1,000,000 professional liability.
- Workers Compensation Certificate of Insurance
- Meet additional business and credit requirements and provide additional documentation, as required in the Contractors Application for Participation form.

Q: How do I become a Participating Contractor in the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program?

A: Complete and submit the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR:

- Contractor's Application for Participation, including the required documentation
- Participating Contractor Agreement

These documents will be made available on www.EnergySaveNJ.com.

If you would like to receive this information, as it becomes available, please send an e-mail to EnergySaveNJ@firstenergycorp.com that includes your contact information, including e-mail address. Please use the subject line: Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Contractor

Q: Can JCP&L support both natural gas and electric equipment through the HPwES program?

A. Yes. The New Jersey electric and natural gas utilities have developed a system that allows you to work with only one of your utilities to simplify the process: apply and receive your incentives from just one utility. Customers with no natural gas utility will be eligible only for weatherization and electric measures from JCP&L through the HPwES program. The utilities will exchange information behind the scenes to make the process as convenient as possible for participating customers and contractors. If you participate in the HPwES program with JCP&L, financing options are available to help make energy-efficient upgrades affordable.

Q. If I'm working on a building project that will help reduce both natural gas and electricity usage, will I have to apply separately with JCP&L and the natural gas utility to access incentives?

A. No. We can help serve the entire project provided the JCP&L customer is also served by New Jersey Natural Gas, Elizabethtown Gas, or Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G). The utilities are working collaboratively to develop a system that allows customers to access incentives for both natural gas and electricity saving measures through one utility. JCP&L will handle the administration process so you can access the full incentives without extra paperwork. Note you will be required to provide JCP&L with the customer's natural gas utility account number to access incentives.