



## Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

To: All Participating Contractors

### **GOVERNOR CUOMO LAUNCHES RENEWABLE HEAT NY TO BUILD MARKET FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY, LOW-EMISSIONS WOOD-FIRED HEATING SYSTEMS**

*\$27 Million will Help for More Efficient and Cleaner Technology, Encourage Sustainable Forestry, and Train Installers for Growing Industry*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today launched Renewable Heat NY, a \$27 million initiative aimed at building a sustainable, high-efficiency, low-emissions wood heating sector in New York. Renewable Heat NY will also help develop more clean technology manufacturing based in New York, a skilled installer base, and sustainably harvested wood fuels from state forests-supporting economic development while preserving the environment.

"The wood-fired heating industry is an important source of energy in Upstate New York, and by launching Renewable Heat NY we are helping to shape this growing sector with a focus on clean, sustainable, and highly-efficient practices," Governor Cuomo said. "This initiative is the most comprehensive in the nation, and I am confident that it will support the continued evolution of a vibrant wood heating sector in rural areas of the state."

Renewable Heat NY promotes the highest efficiency class of wood-fired heating technologies in the nation, and is expected to make New York State a national leader in developing this low-emissions industry. Environmental and public health benefits, along with a reduction in fossil-fuel use, an increase in sustainable forestry, and the expansion of the wood pellet and equipment supply chains, will benefit communities across the state.

#### **Renewable Heat NY - Pellet Stove**

##### **Install Residential Pellet Stoves through Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®**

The Renewable Heat NY initiative provides the homeowner with an incentive of \$1,000 to replace and recycle a wood stove for a new pellet stove. Income qualified homeowners can receive \$1,000 or up to \$1,500 with recycling. The stove can be used for primary or supplemental heat, in a primary residence without natural gas service. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES ) Participating Contractors who are Building Performance Institute (BPI) GoldStar Heating Contractors will install the pellet stoves.

Pellet stoves submitted for rebates under this initiative must have industry-leading particulate matter output of 2.0 grams per hour (PM 2.0 g/h) or less and be on the US EPA Certified Wood Heater list which can be found at <http://nyserda.ny.gov/renewableheatny>. Bulk pellets must also be stored outside the home due to potential off-gassing of carbon monoxide from pellets.

#### **Why Install High-Efficiency, Low-Emission Pellet Stoves?**

- Increase expertise.
- Grow your business.
- Incentives help offset the cost of replacing and installing new systems.

#### **Process for Participating Contractors**

1. The homeowner requests a Pellet Stove Reservation Number (which is good for 60 days)

by calling (toll-free) 1-844-398-2349. The homeowner can apply for a free/reduced cost home energy assessment through the HPwES Program. If interested, the homeowner applies for financing, and if eligible, for the higher incentive available to a household below 80% area median income.

2. The Contractor conducts the Home Energy Assessment to determine the appropriateness of installing a pellet stove and opportunities for energy efficiency improvements. After the homeowner receives their Home Energy Assessment Report, the homeowner can decide to move forward with purchase and installation of a pellet stove, along with other recommended efficiency measures by signing a contract with a Contractor. The homeowner and Contractor sign the Pellet Stove Incentive Application indicating the appropriate incentive. Participants in Assisted Home Performance have the option to recycle an existing stove and receive a \$1,500 incentive. All other households must recycle an existing wood or pellet stove to be eligible.
3. Contractor uploads the RHNY Pellet Stove Incentive Application as an "other document" along with the Project Approval Package to the NY HP Portal. Program approval of the Incentive Application extends the reservation for 90 days.
4. The Contractor schedules installation of the approved pellet stove and any contracted energy efficiency improvements.
5. When work is complete, the Contractor follows standard BPI test-out procedures. The homeowner and Contractor must sign a Certificate of Completion to confirm that all work in the approved contract has been completed to the customer's satisfaction.
6. If applicable, the Contractor recycles the retired unit at a regional recycling center and receives a receipt as proof of destructive recycling. The receipt must include the date, name, address, and phone number of the recycling center.
7. The Contractor submits the recycling receipt with the completion package. When recycling is required and no receipt is provided, no part of the incentive amount will be paid. Once the completion package is reviewed by Program staff, approval will initiate payment of the Renewable Heat NY Pellet Stove Incentive, and loan if applicable.

Participating Contractors can get the necessary Program Forms and supporting RHNY Pellet Stove Incentive documents at

<http://credit.csggrp.com/webapps/nyserda/ProgramHelp.html#RHNY>

Homeowner participation information is located at <http://nyserda.ny.gov/renewableheatny>

Current Participating Contractors with additional questions about the Pellet Stove Incentive Application process can contact their Conservation Services Group (CSG) - Technical Field Representative.

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