

NY Residential Existing Homes Program Effective Useful Life of Energy Efficient Measures

The NY Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and EmPower New York Programs are designed to improve the energy performance, durability, comfort and safety of existing one- to four-family homes in New York State. To estimate the expected total lifetime savings of a project both the annual energy savings and effective useful life (EUL) at the measure level are required. The annual energy savings can be obtained from authorized energy modeling software, and the list below provides the EUL of incentivized measures.

Measure	Minimum Efficiency Requirements	EUL
Furnace – Natural Gas	AFUE 95% (as long as not prohibited by local codes). Furnaces with ECM Motor allowed.	20
Furnace – LP	AFUE 95% (as long as not prohibited by local codes). Furnaces with ECM Motor allowed.	20
Furnace – Fuel Oil	AFUE 85%	20
Boiler - Condensing	AFUE 90%	25
Boiler – Hot Water	AFUE 85%	25
Boiler – Steam	AFUE 82% (size must be matched to cumulative capacity of connected radiators, per Institute of Boilers & Radiator Mfrs (IBR) standards)	25
Boiler Reset Controls	Programmed properly per manufacturer's specifications and site conditions. Maximum price of \$250.	15
Air Source Heat Pump (electric split systems)	14.5 SEER / 12 EER / 8.2 HSPF	20
Ground Source Heat Pump	ENERGY STAR Qualified (closed-loop, open-loop, or direct expansion)	20
Wood/or Solid Fuel Pellet Stove	EPA phase 2 (Solid fuel pellet stoves are exempt from EPA Phase 2)	20
Distribution Improvements (NG or Electricity Heated Homes)	Installed in accordance with all applicable state and local codes.	20
Distribution Improvements in Oil or Propane Heated Homes	Installed in accordance with all applicable state and local codes	20
Duct Sealing	UL 181B mastic or tape; use of "duct tape" is disallowed	20
Pipe Insulation	R-3	11 (gas), 13 (elec)
Central Air Conditioner (split system)	AHRI Certificate Required. 14.5 SEER / 12 EER.	15
Programmable Thermostat	5+2 day programmable thermostat including smart thermostat.	11
Insulation (attic, wall, floor, band joist, basement, crawl space)	See "Insulation Policy" for eligible insulation.	30
Air Sealing	Supervised by professional; blower door assisted per BPI and program guidelines	20
Replacement Windows	ENERGY STAR for climate/region	20
Storm Windows and Storm Doors	No minimum efficiency requirement	20
Movable Window Insulation	R-3	20
Exterior Doors	ENERGY STAR for climate/region	20
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Water Heater - Natural Gas, Tank	0-100 gallons, EF >= 0.67, FHR >= 67 gallons per hour, <75,000 BTU	15
Water Heater - Natural Gas, Instantaneous	EF >= 0.82, GPM >= 2.5 over a 77°F rise, <2 gallons storage, <200,00 BTU	20
Water Heater - Electric	EF .93	15
Water Heater – Propane, Tank	20-100 gallons, EF >= 0.67, FHR >= 67 gallons per hour, <75,000 BTU	15
Water Heater - Propane, Instantaneous	EF >= 0.82, GPM >= 2.5 over a 77°F rise, <2 gallons storage, <200,00 BTU	20
Water Heater – Oil, Tank	Tank: 20-100 gallons, EF >= 0.67	15
Water Heater - Indirect-Fired Tank	UL Approved	13
Hot Water Tank Insulation – Electric	R-10	20
Heat Pump Water Heaters	Subject to site-specific TRC analysis and pre-approval by CSG in order to determine eligibility.	10
Faucet Aerator	No minimum efficiency requirement	10
Low Flow Showerhead	Maximum flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute. Aerating type showerheads not eligible.	10
Refrigerator	CEE Tier 2 or 3	17
Freezer	ENERGY STAR Qualified	15
Dehumidifier	ENERGY STAR Qualified	15
Room Air Conditioner	ENERGY STAR Qualified	9
CFLs	ENERGY STAR Qualified	7
Dishwasher	ENERGY STAR Qualified	15
Clothes washer	ENERGY STAR Qualified	15
LEDs	ENERGY STAR Qualified.	15
Light Fixtures	ENERGY STAR Qualified for compact fluorescent, or electronic ballast for fluorescent tubes	20
Solar Thermal	OG-100 or OG-300 certification from SRCC. SF 0.5. Warranty: 10 years on the panel, 5 years on the system. System needs to be reviewed and approved by the NYSERDA or PSEGLI Solar Thermal Program prior to submission to HPwES.	20

NOTE: NYSERDA reserves the right to modify the eligible measures and the minimum efficiency requirement and the effective useful life for any measure during the term of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Participation Agreement.