



## **Fossil Fuel Conversion Policy**

The Combined Residential Application determines program eligibility for incentives based on household income. Households identified as Tier 1, are considered low-income households and are eligible to receive incentives through EmPower New York. Tier 3 households are considered moderate income households and are eligible to receive incentives through Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®.

As the Program adjusts to meet New York’s electrification goals, fossil fuel heating and hot water system equipment incentives have been discontinued except in the situations outlined below. In further support of electrification, funds have been allocated for the safe decommissioning of above/underground fuel storage tanks for homes heated with fuel oil to switch to heat pump technology.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Households with existing propane, kerosene, and oil heating equipment are only eligible to receive incentives in the following situations:
  - a. Equipment is being replaced as part of a no heat situation (see [Program Manual](#) Section 5.9 for Tier 1 and Tier 3 heating equipment caps).
  - b. Equipment is being replaced with an air source heat pump. When heat pumps are being installed and the existing heating system will remain as a backup, NYSERDA will provide the contractor with a letter to the oil distributor and a warning tag for the oil inlet.
  - c. Equipment is being replaced with a ground source heat pump and meets cost effectiveness criteria
2. Households with existing natural gas heating equipment are eligible to switch to heat pumps in the following situations:
  - a. Equipment is being replaced with an air source heat pump and meets cost effectiveness criteria
  - b. Equipment is being replaced with a ground source heat pump and meets cost effectiveness criteria
3. The full cost of installation for a fuel conversion must be submitted as part of the workscope submission for review and approval.
4. Fuel conversions of secondary heating systems are not allowed.

Fuel conversion projects not covered under this policy must be submitted to the Program Implementor and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For additional information, please see Section 5.15 of the [Program Manual](#), Eligible Measures List.



## Oil Tank Removal

Additional funding for both Tier 1 and Tier 3 customers has been made available when the oil tank is being removed with the conversion of an oil-heating system to an ASHP/GSHP.

The measure will not be included in project level cost effectiveness calculations when proposed under these conditions. Effective for projects submitted using EmPCalc v8.2 or later.

### Incentive Structure

Tank Location	Incentive Cap	Incentive Information	Example
Above ground	\$2000	Tier 1 (100%)   Tier 3 (50%) Costs beyond caps are responsibility of customer.	<i>Below ground tank removal at cost of \$3600.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1: \$3600 incentive, no customer contribution.</li> <li>• Tier 3: \$1800 incentive, \$1800 customer contribution.</li> </ul>
Below ground	\$5000		

### Workscope Submission

For EmPCalc v8.2 and later, complete all inputs and target in the Oil Tank Removal measure on the Non-Energy Upgrades tab.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please reach out to your Account Manager or contact Contractor Support at 800-284-9069 or [support.residential@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:support.residential@nyserda.ny.gov).