

Terms and Conditions

As an eligible Consumers Energy customer, I certify the indicated energy efficiency measures were installed during the 2023 program year. The energy optimization measures are installed in a qualifying facility, with a qualifying account, paying the Energy Waste Reduction surcharge and not for resale. Additional program Terms and Conditions may be found in the Policy and Procedures Manual available at ConsumersEnergy.com/startsaving.

I understand that in the event the application received a reservation, that reservation is not a guarantee of payment. Incentive payment will be based upon the final application meeting the Program Terms and Conditions.

Selected Terms and Conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Project funds are reserved for 90 days from the date of the reservation letter (18 months for New Construction projects). Inside the 90-day and 18-month time-frame, you must submit your Final Application within 60 days of your project completion.
- The program has a limited budget, but is an annual program. Applications will be processed until allocated funds are fully subscribed or spent each program year. Incentive amounts are subject to change at any time within the program year; however, reserved incentive amounts will be honored within a program year.
- New Construction final applications must be received by November 30 of the program year to qualify for the current year's funding. Multi-year project incentives may vary in accordance with program year changes.
- All equipment must be purchased and installed prior to submitting the Final Application.
- All equipment installed must meet the minimum specifications as stated in the Incentive Catalog and in the Program Terms and Conditions. Failure to meet the minimum specifications will result in disqualification of the measure or incentive payment.
- Applicant agrees to inspection and measurement activities by the utility or its representatives of both project payment and equipment installation for up to five (5) years from the project completion date.
- Incentives may be taxable, and the applicant is solely responsible for the payment of any resulting taxes. Incentives will be reported to the IRS, unless applicant is a corporation or tax exempt.
- From the project completion date the applicant may be required to refund some or all of the incentives if the measures do not remain (or were not) installed for a period of five (5) years or the end of the product life, whichever is less.
- All materials removed, including lamps and PCB ballasts, must be taken out of service permanently and disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal codes and ordinances. The Applicant is responsible for being aware of any applicable codes or ordinances. Information about hazardous waste disposal may be found at: michigan.gov/egle.
- For certain measures, the incentive amount will be determined based on the estimated energy savings. The Applicant may be required to provide documentation on energy savings calculations and assumptions. Consumers Energy will make the final determination of the energy savings and thus the incentive amount to be paid.
- Consumers Energy has no obligations regarding and does not endorse or guarantee any claims, promises, work, or equipment made, performed, or furnished by any contractors or equipment vendors that sell or install any energy efficiency measure.
- I have read and understand the program requirements, Measure Specifications and Program Guidelines set forth in this Application, the Incentive Catalog and the program Policy and Procedures Manual and agree to abide by those requirements. Furthermore, I concur that I must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be paid under this program and not receive incentives from any other utility for the same project.
- I certify that the information on this application is true and accurate. I understand that Consumers Energy and its authorized agents may utilize my account information and project scope to evaluate my Application for compliance with the program Policy and Procedures Manual. I authorize Consumers Energy to utilize certain information including, my company name, energy savings and incentive value for regulatory and promotional purposes. If I choose to subsequently opt out of any recognition, I must indicate this choice in a written letter to the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs team.
- Reserved incentive amounts are not guaranteed and the actual amounts will be based on a review of the final application and supporting documentation (and may be capped at the reserved amount).
- The final incentive amount will be based on the program requirements for the program year for which the incentive is paid.
- We are committed to keeping your email address confidential. We will never sell, rent, or lease our subscription lists to third parties, and we will not provide your personal information to any third party individual, government agency, or company at any time unless compelled to do so by law.
- We will use your email address solely to provide timely information about the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency program and your projects.
- In compliance with the CAN-SPAM Act, all email sent from our organization will clearly state who the e-mail is from and provide clear information on how to contact the sender. In addition, all email messages will also contain concise information on how to remove yourself from our mailing list so that you receive no further email communication from the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Program.