

Home Renovation Rebate Program and CleanBC Home Efficiency Rebates

Primary space heating system rebate guide for contractors

This guide includes four tables based on how the home's existing primary heating system (before upgrade) is fueled, which determines your customer's rebate eligibility. The tables are organized as follows:

Existing primary heating system (Before upgrade)	Rebates available	More details on table:
Natural gas	Up to \$9,000	A
Electric	Up to \$2,000	B
Oil or propane	Up to \$9,000	C
Wood or solid fuel	Up to \$2,000	D

A primary heating system is permanently installed or hardwired, and must serve at least 50% of the home and be able to maintain 21°C for the entire heating season. Space heating rebates are not available for customers upgrading from an existing primary heating system of a gas fireplace.

Important:

- > Customers are only eligible for one primary space heating rebate per premise regardless of the number and type of heating system upgrade or upgrades. For example, you cannot get a rebate for a furnace and a heat pump, even if you install a new dual fuel heat pump system.
Your second rebate application will be denied.
- > For full program rebate requirements and terms and conditions, visit bchydro.com/homerebates, fortisbc.com/homerebates, or betterhomesbc.ca.
- > Customers may be eligible for the following additional rebates:
 - Municipalities may offer top-up rebates. For a current list of participating municipalities, visit betterhomesbc.ca/municipal-offers.
 - The Government of Canada provides rebate through the Canada Greener Homes Grant. For more information, visit www.canada.ca/greener-homes-grant.

Heat pumps and insulation upgrades must be installed by a Home Performance Contractor Network (HPCN) member to be eligible for rebates.

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A	Existing primary heating system: Natural gas furnace, boiler, or combination heating and hot water system									
	Primary heating system after upgrade									
	Natural gas furnace	Natural gas boiler	Natural gas combination heating and hot water system	Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2 or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Dual fuel ducted heat pump (Natural gas back-up) HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Air-to-water heat pump or Combination space and water air-to-water heat pump			
Rebate amount	\$800-\$1,000 +\$150 on qualifying connected thermostat	\$1,000	\$1,200 + \$300 Two Upgrade Bonus	\$6,000 – BC Hydro Electric Service Territory \$3,000 – FortisBC Electric Service Territory \$9,000 – Northern Service Territory*	\$6,000 – BC Hydro Electric Service Territory \$3,000 – FortisBC Electric Service Territory \$9,000 – Northern Service Territory*	\$3,000 \$6,000 – Northern Service Territory*	Up to \$4,000 \$6,000 – Northern Service Territory*			
Rebate provider	FortisBC	FortisBC	FortisBC	BC Hydro & CleanBC	BC Hydro & CleanBC	CleanBC	CleanBC			
Qualifying models	fortisbc.com/furnace	fortisbc.com/boiler	fortisbc.com/boiler	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	betterhomesbc.ca/qualifyingairtowaterhp			
Rebate application	fortisbc.com/furnace	fortisbc.com/boiler	fortisbc.com/boiler	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates			
Key requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must be installed with a two-pipe direct vent system (Except for P9 certified tankless water heater and air handler combination systems) > Must undergo commissioning to ensure it is installed and operating according to best practice (Except for P9 certified tankless water heater and air handler combination systems) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system > Customers only need to complete one application to receive both the CleanBC and BC Hydro rebates. > Ductless mini-split heat pumps can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less. > Homes over 1,200 square feet must install a multi-split heat pump or a central ducted heat pump. > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system > Customers only need to complete one application to receive both the CleanBC and BC Hydro rebates. > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Back-up must be a natural gas furnace > Must remove or modify fossil fuel system > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Variable speed compressor not required > Must complete heat load calculation¹ > Outdoor temperature switch-over control must be set to the program required temperatures¹ 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system

¹ Dual fuel systems are only eligible provided:

- The load calculation uses program-approved methodology. Approved methodology can be found at <https://betterhomesbc.ca/faqs/heat-load-calculations/>.
- The thermostat, outdoor temperature switch-over control is set to the following region-specific temperatures for the duration of the product lifetime:
 - Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island regions: 5°C.
 - Southern Interior and Northern BC: 2°C.
- The AHRI certified reference number for dual fuel systems must show the outdoor unit, indoor unit and furnace.

*Northern Service Territory must be located north of and including the District of 100 Mile House.

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B	Existing primary heating system: Hard-wired electric systems (Eg. Baseboards, radiant ceiling, radiant floors, furnace)				
	Primary heating system after upgrade				
	Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2 or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2		Central ducted heat pump (Tier 1) (HSPF ≥ 8.5 SEER ≥ 15)	Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	
Rebate amount	\$1,000	\$1,200 (Mini-split) \$2,000 (Multi-split)	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,000
Rebate provider	BC Hydro	FortisBC Electric	FortisBC Electric	BC Hydro	FortisBC Electric
Qualifying models	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	fortisbc.com/airsourceheatpump	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps
Rebate application	bchydro.com/homerebates	fortisbc.com/homerebates	fortisbc.com/airsourceheatpump	bchydro.com/homerebates	fortisbc.com/homerebates
Key requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > One indoor unit (head) must serve a main living area (Family room, living room, or open-concept kitchen-living room) > Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less. > Homes over 1,200 square feet must install a multi-split heat pump or a central ducted heat pump. > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Tier 1 rebate of \$1,200 offered only to FortisBC Electric customers > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) systems must have a variable speed compressor 		

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C	Existing primary heating system: Oil or propane furnace or boiler			
	Primary heating system after upgrade			
	Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2 or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Dual fuel ducted heat pump (Propane back-up) HSPF ≥ 10, SEER ≥ 16, or, HSPF2 ≥ 8.5, SEER2 ≥ 15.2	Air-to-water heat pump or Combination space and water air-to-water heat pump
Rebate amount	\$6,000 – BC Hydro Electric Service Territory \$3,000 – FortisBC Electric Service Territory \$9,000 – Northern Service Territory*	\$6,000 – BC Hydro Electric Service Territory \$3,000 – FortisBC Electric Service Territory \$9,000 – Northern Service Territory*	\$3,000 \$6,000 – Northern Service Territory*	Up to \$4,000 Up to \$6,000 – Northern Service Territory*
Rebate provider	BC Hydro & CleanBC	BC Hydro & CleanBC	CleanBC	CleanBC
Qualifying models	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	betterhomesbc.ca/qualifyingairtowaterhp
Rebate application	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates
Key requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system > Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less. > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Back-up must be a propane furnace² > Must remove or modify fossil fuel system > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Variable speed compressor not required > Must complete heat load calculation¹ > Outdoor temperature switch-over control must be set to the program required temperatures¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Must remove fossil fuel system

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- i. The load calculation uses program-approved methodology. Approved methodology can be found at <https://betterhomesbc.ca/faqs/heat-load-calculations/>.
- ii. The thermostat, outdoor temperature switch-over control is set to the following region-specific temperatures for the duration of the product lifetime:
 - a. Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island regions: 5°C.
 - b. Southern Interior and Northern BC: 2°C.

² Residents of Northern BC (ASHRAE Climate Zone 6, 7A, 7B or 8) with premises heated primarily by an oil furnace before the heat pump:

- i. May still use the oil furnace as a back-up heating source.
- ii. The AHRI certified reference number for dual fuel systems must show either the outdoor unit, indoor unit and furnace.

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D	Existing primary heating system: Wood or solid fuel	
	Primary heating system after upgrade	
	Ductless mini-split heat pump HSPF \geq 10, SEER \geq 16, or, HSPF2 \geq 8.5, SEER2 \geq 15.2 or Ductless multi-split heat pump HSPF \geq 10, SEER \geq 16, or, HSPF2 \geq 8.5, SEER2 \geq 15.2	Central ducted heat pump (Tier 2) HSPF \geq 10, SEER \geq 16, or, HSPF2 \geq 8.5, SEER2 \geq 15.2
Rebate amount	\$1,000	\$2,000
Rebate provider	CleanBC	CleanBC
Qualifying models	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps	bchydro.com/qualifyingheatpumps
Rebate application	bchydro.com/homerebates	bchydro.com/homerebates
Key requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Before and after photos of the wood or solid fuel heating system if it is being removed. > If the wood or solid fuel heating system is being retained, a copy of an inspection report completed by a Wood Energy Technology Transfer Inc. (WETT)-certified professional. The inspection report must be dated within the 12 month period before or 6 month period following the date of the heat pump installation invoice. > Must have a minimum capacity of 12,000 BTU (1 Ton) > Must have a variable speed compressor > Ductless mini-split systems can be installed in an eligible home that is 1,200 square feet or less. 	