



GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who manages the GEO Residential Solar Thermal Rebate Program?

Green Energy Ohio (GEO) manages the Program. GEO is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting economically and environmentally sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. GEO serves as the Ohio Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society.

2. Are funds still available in the program?

As of April 2010, the Program is still fully funded, and should remain fully funded through 2010.

3. How much are the rebates?

Individuals can receive up to \$2,400 toward the purchase of a residential solar thermal system. Through the first year of the Program, the average rebate issued was \$1,842 and ranged from \$858 to \$2,400. (Data represent domestic hot water systems only)

4. Are other incentives available for my residential solar thermal system?

(Links to these incentives are located at the bottom of the Rebate Program webpage)

-30% Federal Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credit

-Energy Conservation for Ohioans (ECO-Link) Program

-ODOD Advanced Energy Program Grants, Multi Family Residential Solar Thermal Incentive

5. How much do solar systems cost in Ohio?

Through the first year of the Program, the average cost of a fully installed solar thermal system was \$9,506 and ranged between \$6,825 and \$11,850. (Data represent domestic hot water systems only. Cost of systems for space heating not included)

6. Who/What is eligible for the GEO Residential Solar Thermal Rebate Program?

Solar water heating systems purchased after April 1, 2009 on residential properties in Ohio are eligible for a rebate, provided the primary purpose of the system is to supplement domestic water heating, the system is installed by an eligible installer that meets all terms and conditions, and the system meets all minimum requirements. Refer to pages 2 through 6 of the GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Overview & Requirements Document for more details.

7. How do I apply for rebates?

Contact a solar thermal installer. He/She will determine the optimal system for your needs and assist in submitting the Application to Green Energy Ohio.

8. How do I find a solar thermal installer?

Review Appendix 2 – List of Eligible Solar Thermal Installers. Note: although there may not be an installer in your neighborhood, contact the nearest company and ask if they



provide installation services in your area.

9. How long will the process take?

Applicants will be notified that the application has been received. Applicants will be notified in 30 days if their application has been approved, denied or if more information is required. Upon completion of the system, an inspection may be performed. Please allow 4-6 weeks from approval of the inspection for processing and issuing of the rebate.

10. My system failed inspection – now what?

Systems are subject to random inspection. Once Geo receives Part II of the application, GEO may schedule a final inspection with the Applicant. Rebate funds will NOT be distributed until the project is complete and meets final inspection requirements. If issues are identified during the inspection process, the inspector will notify GEO and contact the installer. GEO and the installer will discuss and agree upon a course of action to rectify any issues. However, GEO is not responsible for any cost incurred to rectify the system. No paperwork will be processed for issuance of a rebate until the system meets all program requirements and the inspection checklist is approved by GEO, in its sole discretion. A digital photo of the rectified system problems or issues must be sent back to GEO before a rebate check is issued.