

Cool Returns Program

for Cooperative Members

\$100
REBATE
FOR INSTALLATION OF
LOAD MANAGEMENT
SWITCH

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative's Cool Returns program helps keep members' bills in check during the hottest times of the year.

With the installation of a radio-controlled switch, the energy consumption of your air-conditioning system will automatically be dialed down during times of peak demand—usually from about 2-6 p.m. on the hottest days of the year.



This helps you save money on your bill while helping us reduce stress on the electric grid. Load management periods are typically very brief, and the comfort of your home should not be affected.

The switch does not control your thermostat or harm your air-conditioning system.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: Electric cooperative members who own a home with a central air conditioner, air-source heat pump, or ground-source heat pump are eligible to enroll in Cool Returns.

Homeowners with window air conditioners are not eligible.



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Darke Rural Electric Cooperative
Cool Returns – Air Conditioning Control Program
PROGRAM GUIDELINES
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

The installation of an radio control switch (RCS) for purposes of direct load management in a cyclic manner on a central air conditioning (AC) unit or on an air source or ground source heat pump (HP) used for air conditioning in a home, office or other building which uses electricity Darke REC qualifies for a rebate.

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Qualified Installation

- a. The central AC unit or HP must be in reasonably good operating condition.
- b. The RCS is installed to cycle the cooling compressor on a central AC unit or HP which can be either an air source or ground source heat pump (that is also used for air conditioning purposes).
- c. The RCS installer shall be a representative of the Cooperative or an approved RCS installer as designated by the Cooperative.
- d. The AC unit/HP installation shall comply with all applicable local and Ohio electric code requirements in order for an RCS to be installed and operate safely and effectively.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REBATE

1. The building can be a residential/commercial/institutional structure which uses electricity from Darke REC
2. The rebate is to be paid to the Cooperative member who owns the building.
3. In order for a rebate to be paid, the RCS must be installed on the central AC unit or on the HP that provides air conditioning for the facility.

C. CONDITIONS OF REBATE

Darke REC shall verify installation of the RCS on the specified equipment. Only one rebate reimbursement may be obtained for each AC RCS installation.

D. REBATE

A \$100 rebate will be paid by Darke REC to the member on the basis of one rebate paid for each RCS installed. The rebate is to be paid to the member who owns the building. Only a new switch (where a previous switch does not exist) is eligible for the rebate.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

Disconnections of an RCS unit must be reported, as they occur, to the Metering Department of Darke REC.

F. ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Darke REC Board of Trustees will annually review this program for continuation as applicable.