

**DARKE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**Electric Water Heater Rebate**  
**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**  
**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

The installation of a new electric water heater in a home, office or other building which uses electricity from Darke Rural Electric Cooperative (Darke REC) qualifies for a rebate.

The new water heater may be placed in a new or existing building.

The purpose of the requirements which follow is to aid Darke REC in inspecting and verifying the water heater installation's eligibility for a rebate from the cooperative. **All requirements must be met to receive a rebate.**

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Qualified Equipment and Installation

- a. An electric water heater for original installation (in new construction) or that replaces an existing water heater.
  - b. The water heater must be a new electric storage tank unit that is greater than 90% efficient (greater than 0.90 EF). Heat pump water heaters are eligible.
  - c. Heat pump water heater must be new unit with a storage volume of 55 gallons or less
  - c. The water heater shall comply with all applicable local and Ohio plumbing and electrical code requirements.
2. A load management switch must be installed on the water heater which should remain installed for a minimum of five (5) years.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REBATE

1. The building must be a residential, commercial or industrial structure which uses electricity from Darke REC.
2. Rebate is to be paid to the Cooperative member who owns the building.

C. CONDITIONS OF REBATE

1. On-demand water heaters are not eligible for this program.
2. The installation of the water heater must be approved by Darke REC.

D. REBATE

1. A \$250 rebate will be paid to the member on the basis of one rebate for each qualified unit installed that has a load management switch installed for Buckeye direct load management efforts. If there is an existing switch, a rebate of \$200 will be paid to the member for the installation of a new water heater.

2. A maximum of two rebates may be paid per residential consumer-member home.
3. Darke REC must submit request for rebate/reimbursement by accessing the Buckeye private website ( [www.pvt.buckeyepower.com](http://www.pvt.buckeyepower.com) ) and entering the data online.

E. ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

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