



Property Owner Acknowledgement

IRA HOMES/HEAR Energy Rebate Programs

The Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate Programs (herein after referred to as the “Program(s)”) are delivered by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. These Programs will deliver rebates to residential property owners in the State of North Carolina. The Programs consist of the Home Efficiency Rebates (“HOMES”) Program and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (“HEAR”) Program. Together named Energy Saver North Carolina.

The State of North Carolina (“the State”) is requiring this Acknowledgement to be executed by building owners (or another entity authorized to act on behalf of the owner) whose tenant-occupied properties are occupied by low or moderate income households. Income Qualified Tenants are defined as those with incomes less than 80% AMI. Moderate-Income Tenants are defined as those with 81% - 150% AMI. Rebate amounts vary by income level.

Tenant Limitations Acknowledgment

The State requires a building owner with Income Qualified Tenants to agree to the following for a period of two years following the receipt of the rebates. Owners who fail to comply with these requirements must refund the rebate amount to the implementer.

- I will rent the dwelling unit to a Income Qualified Tenant.
- I will not evict a tenant to obtain higher rent tenants based upon the improvements.
- I will not increase the rent of any tenant of the building as a result of the energy efficiency improvements with exception of increases to recover actual increases in property taxes and/or specified operating expenses and maintenance costs for a two-year period after the upgrades on the unit are completed.
- If I sell the property within two (2) years of receipt of the rebates, I must include the language of the aforementioned conditions in the purchase agreement with the new owner. I must communicate to any prospective new owners in writing these terms and that the aforementioned conditions will apply to them as the new owner.
- I will provide written notice to tenants in tenant’s primary language explaining their rights and the building owner’s obligations listed above (e.g., add an addendum to the lease) before the project is installed.
- A form will be available on the website for tenants to be able to submit complaints, if they allege a building owner failed to disclose these program requirements, resulting in a breach of this acknowledgment.



Project Requirements

- I authorize the Program or its representatives to perform an energy assessment (audit) of the property, including interior and exterior inspection of the unit(s), even if I am not present during the visit.
- I acknowledge that all improvements must remain within the dwelling unit(s) being served and not extend into common areas or unrelated property features.
- I represent that I maintain valid property insurance coverage for this property.
- I am the legal owner of the property noted below.
- I intend to authorize the recommended projects covered by the available rebates.
- If I do not have Income Qualified Tenants, I intend to authorize recommended project costs covered at least 50% by available rebates.
- I HAVE REVIEWED AND AGREE TO THE PROGRAM'S [TERMS & CONDITIONS](#)** (see [page 3](#) or visit energysavernc.org/terms-and-conditions).

I understand that participation in the Program does not make the Program, the State, or its agents liable for any damages or losses incurred during or after the energy assessment or installation process, except in cases of proven negligence or misconduct.

Property Address:

Owners Printed Name:

Owner's Signature:

Owner's Phone Number:

Date:

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Application Terms & Conditions for HOMES & HEAR Programs North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ)

Effective: May 1, 2025

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY

My signature below authorizes Energy Saver NC Staff (State or Implementation Team) and Contractors to enter my home as needed to perform energy efficiency upgrades. My signature verifies that this residence is not currently for sale, nor is it designated for acquisition or clearance (foreclosure) by federal, state or local programs. Upon completion of work, I give permission to the contractor, sub-contractor staff, local, state, and/or federal officials to inspect said work. **I understand a final inspection of the work provided is necessary. I will be responsible for payment of services rendered if I refuse to allow work to be completed or the final inspection(s) of my home.**

I understand program requirement regulations prohibit warranties as an allowable program expense. Materials and labor will be covered by the installer for one year. I agree, on behalf and for all members of my home, that the state of North Carolina, energy auditors, and its sub-contractors will not be held liable for any injury or expense incurred by me while participating in this program. I attest to the best of my knowledge that the information on this form is correct and complete. This service is free of charge but if my home is served due to incomplete or incorrect information that would otherwise make my household ineligible, I accept responsibility for paying for services received. I authorize the release of income and benefits information to the Energy Saver NC program to document my eligibility. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), of the Freedom of Information Act, the Energy Saver NC program is required to keep confidential any specifically identifying information related to an individual's eligibility application for weatherization services, or the individual's participation in weatherization services, such as name, address, or income information. The State of North Carolina in conjunction with the Energy Saver NC program may, however, release information about recipients in the aggregate in a manner which does not identify specific individuals.

Recertification of income information provided must occur every 12 months.

APPLICANT APPEALS PROCESS

Once you have completed the application for services, you have the right for your application to be processed within 60 days. If your application is not processed within 60 days or if you are denied services, you may appeal the decision using the following appeals procedure: You may appeal to the Program Manager of Energy Saver NC. Appeals to Energy Saver NC should be in writing and addressed to:

**Attn: Energy Saver NC North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
 217 West Jones Street
 Raleigh, NC 27603**

The office will have 15 days to respond in writing to all appeals and the decision will be considered final. If you are unsatisfied with the results of your appeal, you will be given the appropriate state or local contact information.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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