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Invest in Energy Efficiency Now to...

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The time is now

The clock is ticking on your chance to save money via the federal Stimulus Bill, by making energy efficient changes in your home. Through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—better known as the Stimulus Bill—the IRS offers a personal tax credit of up to $1,500 for energy efficiency improvements made to homes during 2009 and 2010. Each state and your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative also have energy saving incentives.

What's included?

The federal credit covers up to 30 percent of the cost of adding insulation materials and exterior doors, windows, and roofs designed to help reduce a home's heat loss or gain. It also includes efficient central air conditioners, air-source and geothermal heat pumps, hot water boilers and biomass stoves. Certain renewable energy projects involving solar and wind may also qualify. For weatherization-related work, the credit covers only the cost of materials.

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How can you cash in?

To take advantage of the program, a home improvement must have taken place after Feb. 17, 2009, and products must meet specific energy efficiency criteria. For exterior windows and skylights, rely on the ENERGY STAR label. Please note, however, that not all ENERGY STAR qualified products qualify for a tax credit. For other efficiency upgrades, request what's called a "Manufacturer Certification Statement" that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit. You can also visit www.irs.gov/recovery to review guidelines for eligible purchases.

You can file for energy tax credits using IRS Form 5695, with a total maximum value of $1,500 for improvements made in 2009 and 2010.

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