



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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Inter-County Energy offers the following energy-efficiency programs and services to assist our members in saving energy while living comfortable in the process.

Incentives are available to those members that meet certain requirements when weatherizing their home, building a new home or changing out their old resistance type of heating.

It is recommended that you check with Inter-County Energy member services personnel before purchasing any equipment to insure they qualify. Inter-County Energy does not in any way constitute a warranty expressed or implied or guarantee any products or specific energy savings.

Touchstone New Construction Program (*Heat Pump and Geothermal*)

The Touchstone Energy Home standards are designed to provide homeowners superior comfort and energy savings. Following these guidelines and working closely with your local energy advisor will help you achieve the most out of your new home. Home will meet 2009 IECC code requirements. *Please see an energy advisor for more details.* The program process is as follows:

1. Contact Inter-County Energy’s Member Services Department.
2. A pre-drywall inspection (Complete thermal bypass checklist including slab) must be performed.
3. A final inspection and testing of the amount of outside air infiltration is determined.

Please make note: It is important that the Member Services department at Inter-County Energy is contacted prior to construction beginning so they may work with you, the homeowner, in making sure you are on the right track to qualify for the incentive.

The house must be completed before a blower door test can be performed to verify that the house meets the standard.

Additional savings may be accomplished by participating in our Demand Load Control program. The maximum amount of the incentive is \$750 and will depend on what method is used. The home is to be total electric with the exception of fireplaces with gas logs.

Heat Pump Retrofit for Stick-Built and Manufactured Homes

Replacement of resistance heat is required such as baseboard, ceiling cable or an electric furnace to be eligible for an incentive. If you are replacing your existing resistance heat source while meeting the specifications for Geothermal (meeting ARI-325 standards), Air Source Heat Pump or a Mini-Split Heat Pump, it will make you eligible for an incentive. There are three levels of incentives available based on the SEER and HSPF of the new heating/cooling system. Ductwork is encouraged to be sealed to less than 10%. Geothermal systems must have closed loop systems. New Manufactured homes are eligible and have no minimum zone requirement.

AHRI Rating

Incentive to Home Owner or Member

13 SEER, 7.5 HSPF	\$500
14 SEER, 8.0 HSPF	\$750
15 SEER or higher, 8.5 HSPF or higher	\$1,000

Button Up Weatherization Program

An incentive is available to residences that currently have or are in the process of installing electric heat as the primary heating source and are improving and upgrading insulation levels and/or changing windows/doors. To qualify, the residence must be a *minimum* of 2 years old and have a heat gain/heat loss analysis performed *prior* to improvements being made. A heat loss reduction will be determined by **Inter-County Energy** personnel. A certification of R-value, inches of insulation installed and/or bag count (receipts) shall be required from the insulation contractor or homeowner. The heat loss reduction may also be realized by the installation of energy efficient windows and /or doors. The typical **Air Sealing** portion of the Button Up incentive could include caulking, improved window and door seals, etc. To receive this incentive an Inter-County Energy representative must perform a “pre” and “post” blower door test to measure actual BTUs reduced. This program has a four-tier incentive level based on the amount of Btuh heat loss reduced/work performed as described above.

Levels

Max. Amount of Incentive

Button-Up, Level 1	\$520
Button-Up, Level 1 with air sealing	\$750
Button-Up, Level 2	\$1,060
Button-Up, Level 3	\$1,370

HVAC Duct Sealing Program

Available to single and multi-family residences electrically heated with a heat pump, electric furnace, or geothermal system that has been installed for at least **TWO** years. **Inter-County Energy** will provide a contractor to measure duct loss, seal duct leaks, measure final duct leakage and report results to the customer. A major requirement is that a majority of the ductwork is accessible to the contractor.

Loan Program

Available to qualifying **Inter-County Energy** members to be used for installing ETS, geothermal and air-to-air heat pump heating and cooling equipment in their homes. Loans are available up to a **maximum** of \$15,000.00 for a **maximum** term of 6 years. The interest rate is fixed at **3.0 %**. For more information, please contact Crystal Wilhite at Inter-County Energy, 1-888-266-7322.

Energy Audit Program

This service provides the member with an energy analysis of their home. The analysis includes heating, cooling and appliance energy usage. Once the analysis is completed, a report is issued to the member detailing estimated "normal" energy use, past energy use and recommendations for improving the efficiency of the home. This is a **FREE** service provided to **Inter-County Energy** members. *Ask about the Simple Saver /Demand Load Control Program.*

Demand Load Control/Simple Saver Program

For allowing Inter-County Energy to control certain types of equipment in your household, the home owner or member will receive a bill credit during certain months of the year. The Direct Load Control Program is available to home owners or members in the service territory of Inter-County Energy and will include the following in order to qualify:

Equipment

- ❖ 40 gallon(min) electric water heater units and/or
- ❖ central air conditioning or heat pump units and/or

Credit Amount

\$10 (February only) for Water Heater
\$5 per month (June thru September) for AC

Sign-on Bonus

\$10 (one-time bonus per switch installed up to maximum of \$25)

If you wish to participate, please call **1-800-305-5493**.

Levelized Billing Program

Inter-County Energy offers a **Levelized Billing Program** for residential members that will ease the burden of high bills and allow you to pay an average bill each month. Levelized billing is based on the average number of kilowatt-hours used in the past 12 months. This means that the payment amount will be only slightly different each month. Members' accounts can be set up on levelized billing at any time the account has a zero balance. Unlike other types of accounts, program this is on a rolling 12-month average, so there is no settlement month.

ENERGY STAR® Appliance Program

Inter-County Energy Cooperative ENERGY STAR® Appliances Program offers an incentive for reducing the energy consumed by household appliances. The member may qualify for this rebate by purchasing an ENERGY STAR® qualifying appliance. For more information, visit www.intercountyenergy.net.

ENERGY STAR® Manufactured Homes

ENERGY STAR® qualified homes are significantly more energy efficient than standard homes in that they have been designed, produced, and installed by the home manufacturer to meet ENERGY STAR® requirements. These include features such as more insulation, high-efficiency windows, and heating/cooling equipment. If you are buying a new manufactured home, please see one of our energy advisors or visit www.intercountyenergy.net. For more ENERGY STAR® information, visit www.energystar.gov.

Appliance Recycling Program

Inter-County Energy's Appliance Recycling Program is designed to promote the retirement and recycling of inefficient appliances from residential homes by offering a turn-in incentive for working equipment. Inter-County Energy's residential members are eligible to have their old, inefficient refrigerator or freezer removed at no cost and will be rewarded with a \$50 incentive per appliance. Refrigerators and freezers removed from homes in this program will be properly recycled in an environmentally responsible manner and the appliance must be cooling when it is picked up. You may call 1-844-HAUL4ME. Contact Inter-County for more information such as forms you may need to fill out.