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ENERGY STAR and Home Energy Solutions Make for a Cool Combination

Energize Connecticut offers big savings to homeowners preparing their homes for summer weather

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (June 4, 2014) – As Connecticut residents already know, the weather can change at a moment's notice and before we know it, the warm summer temperatures will be here. Energize Connecticut is advising homeowners that now is the time to ensure your home's air conditioning (A/C) system is efficient, up-to-date and ENERGY STAR®-certified.

As part of the [Energize Connecticut](#) initiative, [rebates](#) and financing options are now offered to residential customers who upgrade central air conditioning systems with high efficiency systems that meet [ENERGY STAR](#) standards.

To receive these rebates, homeowners are encouraged to sign up for the Home Energy Solutions (HES) program and receive a \$250 rebate when you upgrade your existing A/C system to a high efficiency ENERGY STAR model. Participating in HES will help ensure that your home will be more air tight to retain the cool air in the summer and warm air in the winter months.

An Additional rebate of \$500 is available if homeowners use a Quality Installation Verification (QIV) contractor when installing their new system, offering \$750 in total rebates, not including manufactures' rebates.

"Spring is the perfect time for homeowners to think about their air conditioning units, and now, there are more energy-efficient models on the market than ever," said, Jennifer Parsons, program administrator, Residential New Construction and HVAC Efficiency Programs. "In addition, homeowners can save big by taking advantage of attractive rebates and financing options."

Here is a checklist that will help homeowners determine if it's time to upgrade or replace their air conditioning system:

- Heat pump or air conditioner is more than 10 years old
- Equipment needs frequent repairs and energy bills are going up
- Some rooms in the home are too hot or too cold
- Heating or cooling system is noisy

- No one is home for long periods of the day and you do not have a programmable thermostat

For more information on residential energy efficiency programs and HVAC rebates, please call 1-877-WISE-USE or visit www.EnergizeCT.com.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](http://www.EnergizeCT.com) or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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