

The Inflation Reduction Act Can Help Renters Save Money, Stay Healthy, and Go Electric

Overview of IRA incentives

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to go electric and lower energy bills. Combined with other incentives and depending on your income level, installing clean and green appliances could cost you next to nothing.

While these incentives and rebates can be helpful, it can still be hard for low- and moderate-income households to take full advantage of the savings. Plus, navigating the incentives and understanding the technologies, new to many of us, are not easy. Here's what you need to know to get started.

How much can I save?

Calculate your savings with [Rewiring America's IRA Benefits Calculator](#). Enter in your zip code, renter or homeowner status, and household income to see your personalized incentives in dollar amounts.

Example: For MD zip code 21230 (Southwest Baltimore), renters with a household income of \$45,000 could qualify for:

UPFRONT DISCOUNTS
\$9,700

AVAILABLE TAX CREDITS
\$1,750

ESTIMATED ENERGY SAVINGS PER YEAR
\$1,550

TOTAL INCENTIVES (ESTIMATED)
\$11,450

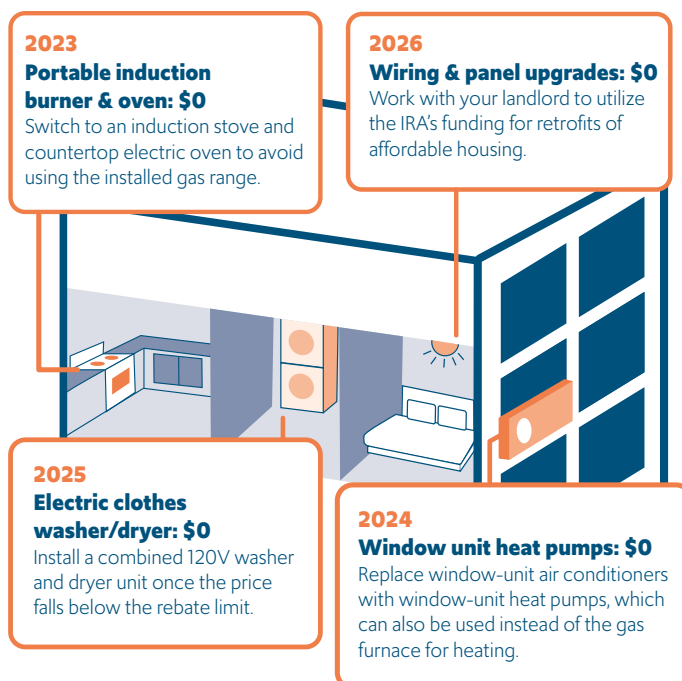
Source: <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>

The IRA incentives for households come in two forms: rebates and tax credits.

- **Rebates:** Provide up-front discounts. For lower-income households, some rebates will be able to cover close to 100% of upfront costs. Only some rebates are available now, with the bigger programs coming out in 2024. Watch this space!
- **Tax Credits:** Provide savings to households with incomes high enough to owe federal income tax. There are different rules and caps for each upgrade or new installation. These IRA programs run for 10 years, so research now and schedule replacements as old appliances or features wear out or fail.

What does electrifying look like?

These upgrades and new installations can help you save money, stay healthy, and fight climate change.



Source: Rewiring America's [Renter Case Study](#). Household Profile: Size - 2 people; Income - \$30,000; AMI - Under 80%; Atlanta, GA.

As a renter, how can I take advantage of these programs?

There are several ways renters can claim benefits from the IRA, with many programs rolling out over the next few years.

Upgrade or Installation	Replacing	Tax Credit or Rebate	Available	Notes
Portable electric or induction hot plate and/or cooktop	Gas stove top	Rebate	Late 2023	You can take these with you when you move out!
Portable heat pump combined washer/dryer unit	Gas washer and dryer	Rebate	Late 2023	
Window-unit or portable heat pump	Window-unit AC and gas furnace or radiators	Rebate	2024	There are window-unit and floor-unit models (still requires window access).
Home energy audits	n/a	Tax credit, 30% off (details)	Now	Consider talking to your landlord about splitting the costs or lowering rent in return for property improvements. These tax credits can be claimed by renters according to this IRS fact sheet .
Energy-efficient upgrades	Poorly insulated windows, doors, etc.	Tax credit, 30% off (details)	Now	
Residential clean energy (e.g., solar panels, battery storage)	Some of the fossil fuel energy from utilities	Tax credit, 30% off (details)	Now	
Used Electric Vehicle (EV)	Gasoline car	Tax credit	Now	Applicable for renters with incomes high enough to owe federal income tax.
New EV	Gasoline car	Tax credit	Now	

Tips

- Your local electricity provider, county, and state may have additional clean energy and energy efficient rebates! In many places, you can stack incentives on top of each other for extra savings.
- Check out these [energy efficiency questions](#) to ask your landlord or property manager.
- Considering an EV but don't know where to start? Use this guide from [350 New Mexico](#) or this one from the [U.S. government](#).
- There are [financial incentives](#) specifically for landlords and builders, too. Tell your landlord, property manager, and neighbors!

More resources

- Learn more about IRA incentives at [CleanEnergy.gov](#)
- The Switch Is On's [Kitchen Electrification for Renters](#)
- Department of Energy's [Tips and Incentives for Renters](#)

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