

Residential High-Efficiency Natural Gas Furnace Rebate

MichCon
Pilot Program 2008-2009



Program Objective

Increase the number of homeowners replacing functioning, old, low-efficiency natural gas furnaces with new high-efficiency natural gas furnaces.

Program Description

MichCon is conducting a Pilot Program in 2008 and 2009 that includes a program element called 'Residential High-Efficiency Natural Gas Furnace Rebate Program.' During each year of the Pilot Program, rebates of \$250 each may be awarded to homeowners that are MichCon customers.

Program Criteria

1. The house must be owner-occupied; no rentals or secondary homes are accepted
2. The house must be an existing customer of MichCon natural gas service
3. The replacement furnace must be installed by a licensed dealer and have an efficiency of at least 93% as certified by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association at www.gamanet.org
4. The furnace must be installed after April 1, 2008 and before December 31, 2009

Program Process

1. Homeowner works with heating contractor to select a furnace model that meets the Program Criteria
2. Heating contractor performs a sizing analysis on the house to properly size the replacement furnace; furnaces should NOT be sized according to the existing furnace size; bigger is not better, as furnaces that are properly sized for the heating load are more efficient on a seasonal basis
3. Heating contractor installs the furnace and provides the homeowner with a certification of efficiency
4. Homeowner completes the Rebate Application and includes a copy of the efficiency certification, the contractor's sizing calculations and the contractor's invoice
5. MichCon reviews the Application and mails a Rebate Check for \$250 upon approval