

Solar Water Heating Program

Step By Step

- Request program information from SE.
- Contact installers to get bid(s).
- Call SE to arrange a bid review; sign the necessary forms; and select the rebate or loan option.
- Contact installer to schedule the installation.
- When installation is complete the contractor sends an invoice to member and SE.
- SE calls to schedule an inspection.
- SE inspects installation to verify compliance with specifications.
- SE notifies installer if corrections are needed.
- When corrections are completed (at no additional cost to the member), SE re-inspects the installation.
- When work passes final inspection, SE issues an incentive check to the installer or, if participating in the loan program, notifies West Coast Bank to proceed with the loan.



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Alternative & Renewable Energy Programs

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Bright Way Solar Water Heating

The Program

Salem Electric offers a 5% interest loan (not to exceed \$7,500) OR a \$600 rebate for the installation of a solar water heating system.

Program Requirements

- Single-family residence located in SE's service area.
- Must have an existing electric water heater.
- The system must meet the "Bright Way" Program requirements.
- Installers must be certified through the State of Oregon.

Incentives

SE members receive a \$600 rebate OR may choose to use the Salem Electric loan, in lieu of an incentive. The 5% loan, through West Coast Bank, is a maximum \$7,500 for five years. SE pays \$50 of the \$100 loan application fee.

If a solar system is installed in conjunction with either the SE Heat Pump or WeatherWise programs, the maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

Advantages & Benefits

- Costs less to operate than conventional water heaters. Lowers your heating costs. Saves an average of 2,000 kWh annually.
- High efficiency with no flames, fumes, or flues.
- Transfers solar heat to heat your water.
- May qualify for tax credits from the State of Oregon.
- Better for the environment.
- After installation, SE inspects the system to verify program compliance.
- Installers are trained and certified through the State of Oregon.

Solar Installers

As an Oregon Department of Energy-certified solar technician, please be aware that prior to beginning any projects in Salem Electric's service area, installers should contact our office for more information.

All projects must meet local, state and national code requirements, as well as Salem Electric's installation standards.

For certified installers contact ODOE at 503-378-4040 or visit their website at:

energy.state.or.us/renew/solar/contr03.pdf