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Ontario’s Fair Hydro Plan

Find out how much you will save on your monthly electricity bill, and learn more about programs and tax credits to help lower your bill.

What’s new

Starting this summer, we’re introducing changes that will help reduce electricity bills and make paying for electricity fair for everyone in Ontario.

Bills will be reduced by 25 per cent on average for all households in the province. Small businesses and farms will also receive this cut.

Any rate increases over the next four years will be held to the rate of inflation for everyone.

People with low incomes and those living in rural communities will benefit from even greater reductions to their electricity bills.

These measures build on previously announced initiatives to deliver broad-based rate relief, including the eight per cent rebate on all electricity bills, equivalent to the provincial portion of HST.

Taken together, these changes will deliver the single-largest reduction to electricity rates in Ontario history.

Sign up for even more discounts on your bill

Ontario Electricity Support Program

Get up to \$75 in monthly credits if you are in a lower-income home and up to \$113 if you have other unique electricity requirements, including electric heating, a medical device that uses a lot of electricity or you’re an Indigenous customer. [Apply online.](#)

Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit

Get up to \$1,023 per year in tax credits if you or your family have low-to-moderate income and up to \$1,165 if you’re an eligible senior. To apply:

1. Download and fill out the [ON-BEN application form](#) (PDF)
2. File your income tax before April 30 and either:
 - print the form and bring it with you if you’re filing in person or sending it through the mail
 - **ABC** if filing online

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Northern Ontario Energy Credit

A tax credit for Northern Ontario* residents of up to \$148 per year for individuals and up to \$227 per year for families. To apply:

- 1. Download and fill out the [ON-BEN application form](#) (PDF)
- 2. File your income tax before April 30 and either:
 - a. print the form and bring it with you if you’re filing in person or sending it through the mail
 - b. **ABC** if you’re filing online

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saveONenergy Home Assistance Program

Offered by local electricity distributors, this program provides free, energy efficient devices and products to qualified homeowners, tenants and people on social assistance by installing:

- LED light bulbs
- ENERGYSTAR certified ceiling fans
- baseboard programmable thermostats
- clotheslines
- advanced power bars

Under the program, you may also be eligible for:

- a new, energy-efficient refrigerator or other appliance (e.g. a window air conditioner)
- programmable thermostat, weather-stripping around your doors and windows and extra insulation in your attic or basement, **if you’re in a home that’s heated by electricity**

Find out if you’re [eligible for the program](#).

Call your [local electricity utility](#) to apply and for information on other SaveONenergy programs.

How electricity prices are set

The Ontario Energy Board sets electricity prices in the province.

This happens twice a year, on May 1 and November 1. Rates are set based on a forecast of the demand for electricity and how much it will cost to supply the province with electricity.

[Learn more about electricity pricing.](#)

Related (sidebar links)

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