



GREEN EARTH HOMES

Building beautiful homes that don't cost the earth

Solar Hot Water Rebate

Are you are thinking of replacing your existing solar hot water system or are you installing a system for the first time? The Queensland Government will reduce the cost to you by providing the following rebates:

- Up to \$1000 to replace your existing solar hot water system
- Up to \$600 for a new installation of a solar hot water system or heat pump; if you are a pensioner or a low income earner your rebate will be up to \$1000.

What is the best system to meet your family's needs?

http://www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/zone_files/Demand_side/5224_solar_application_helpful_info.pdf

For more information on the rebate scheme visit The Office of Clean Energy:

Phone: 13 25 23 or visit www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/

Solar Hot Water Rebate Guideline and Application Information:

www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/solar_hot_water_rebate.cfm

Solar Panels Scheme

Install solar photovoltaic panels (PV) on your home and let the Queensland Government pay you for the surplus energy you generate.

The solar PV scheme has been designed by the Queensland Government to increase the state's renewable energy while encouraging the population to be energy efficient and in turn stimulate the Queensland solar power industry. This is a fantastic initiative offering immediate returns to you and your family.

So how much will you be paid for the electricity you generate?

The Government will pay you a tariff per kilowatt hour (kWh) for surplus energy that you feed into the grid.

You could save up to \$450 per year on your electricity bill (average customer operating a 1.5 kW system).

Are you eligible to receive the solar bonus?

- Do you consume less than 100 megawatt hours of electricity per year?
- Have you purchased and installed a new solar PV system and is it connected to the QLD energy grid?
- Are you generating surplus energy and are you feeding the surplus into the QLD energy grid?
- Do you have an agreement with an electricity distributor and have they installed the appropriate metering equipment?
- Does your solar PV system have the capacity for up to 10kVA for single phase power and 30kVA for 3-phase power?
- You must have an electricity account with an electricity retailer

To find out more about the Solar Bonus Scheme visit the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation - Office of Clean Energy:

Phone 13 GET SOLAR or visit http://www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/solar_bonus_scheme.cfm

Email: oceinfo@deedi.qld.gov.au

Be Energy Wise – tips on how to save energy

Staying Cool in summer

- Set the air-conditioner to 24 or 25 degrees Celsius in summer
- Cross ventilation – open your windows and doors
- Use fans instead of your air-conditioner
- Switch off unused electrical items when not in the room
- Shade your windows with awnings, shade sails, vegetation, etc.
- Close your curtains when you do use your air-conditioner
- Insulation of your home's roof and walls is a must
- Regular cleaning of your fans and the servicing of your air-conditioners will increase efficiency

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Staying warm in winter

- Dress warmly – put on a jumper instead of the heater
- Switch off heaters when sleeping – this will reduce energy as well as the fire hazard
- Use a good old fashioned hot water bottle instead of your electric blanket
- Have your home draught-proofed
- Set your reverse cycle air conditioner to 18 or 19 in the heating mode
- Trap in the heat: Section off your home by closing the doors to rooms you are not using

Your bathroom and laundry

- Don't use a tumble dryer – use a clothes line
- If you do need to use the tumble dryer, ensure it is energy efficient and clean the lint filter
- Batch iron your clothing to avoid re-heating your iron
- Switch off unused electrical items when they are not in use
- Wash your clothes in cold water (massive energy saving)
- Have a 4-minute shower
- Be water-wise and fix leaking taps
- Install a AAA or a 3 star WELS low flow shower head as this will reduce your hot water usage
- Install a solar PV hot water system, receive a rebate and have the government pay you for electricity!

Lighting your home

- Switch off your lights
- Maximise the light output from your lamps and use light coloured lamp shades
- Use CFL's – compact fluorescent lamps
- Install energy efficient down lights
- Use low wattage globes where possible

For more information on being Energy Wise visit the Office of Clean Energy – Energy Conservation visit

http://www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au/energywise_tips.cfm

Stay up to date with the costing saving initiatives and government rebates visit the following links:

Green Loans visit:

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/programs-and-rebates/green-loans/about.aspx>

Queensland Government Incentive Programs visit:

<http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/sustainable-housing/incentive-programs.html>

Queensland Government Rebates visit:



<http://www.environment.gov.au/rebates/>

Contact Green Earth Homes today to find out more on ph: 0404 051 005

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