

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative
Residential Insulation & Air Sealing
PROGRAM GUIDELINES
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

The purpose of the Insulation and Air Sealing program is to help Butler Rural Electric Cooperative encourage the installation of insulation and air sealing in existing electrically heated residential member homes. This energy efficiency program can help members save money on their home's energy costs, increase the home's comfort level, and help the cooperative delay the need for additional generation sources to meet future energy needs.

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Insulation and air sealing upgrades must be installed by a licensed contractor. Do-it-yourself insulation and air sealing upgrade projects are not eligible for this rebate.
2. All projects must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and building codes.
3. Only one application rebate per area per year with a lifetime maximum of two areas per home. An area is defined as either exterior walls, attic, basement walls, crawlspace walls, or ducts.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REBATE

1. All qualifying insulation and air sealing upgrades must be installed in an electrically heated residential home which receives its electric power from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Homes with dual fuel heating systems are applicable for this program.
2. All projects must be a retrofit installation in an existing residential home.
3. This rebate program is for attic, exterior house wall, duct, exterior basement wall, or crawlspace wall insulation and/or for air sealing upgrades only. Air sealing does not include product replacement (e.g. replacement of windows, doors, lighting fixtures, etc.).
4. Installations that are NOT ELIGIBLE for a rebate include the following: new construction, room additions, garages, sheds, workshops, interior home walls, sound proofing applications, and properties with more than two units.
7. To meet insulation requirements, contractor must follow ENERGY STAR guidelines and achieve minimum insulation values of:

R-16 for exterior house walls

R-38 for attic

R-10 for exterior basement walls

R-10 for crawlspace walls (installation of minimum 6-mil poly on floor is required).

Use of foam insulation is encouraged.

R-6 for duct insulation

Any one, or combination of, the above could qualify for the insulation rebate.

8. To meet air sealing requirements, contractor must follow ENERGY STAR guidelines and achieve readings as shown below in Section C, as applicable.
9. Rebate is to be paid to the cooperative consumer who owns the home.

C. CONDITIONS OF REBATE

1. **A duct blast test is required for all duct sealing upgrades.** Final test results after duct sealing must achieve less than or equal to 12CFM25 per 100 sq. ft. to be eligible for rebate.
2. **A blower door test is required for all air sealing projects.** Final test results after air sealing upgrade must achieve less than 4,000 CFM50 to be eligible for rebate. Installation of exterior basement wall insulation and/or crawlspace wall insulation (with 6-mil poly) is considered an insulation rebate and not an air sealing rebate.
3. The cooperative shall verify completed installation meets program guidelines.
4. The rebate goes to the cooperative consumer who owns the home.
5. Only one rebate application may be paid per area per year with a lifetime maximum of two areas per home. An area is defined as either exterior walls, attic, basement walls, crawlspace walls, or ducts. Rebate paid can be for insulation and/or air sealing.