



BENTON RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member,

To start saving energy and to receive your weatherization rebate, contact me to setup a pre-inspection. Inspections are free of charge to Benton REA members. Rebates will not be paid until a post-inspection is complete and I receive a copy of your invoice and Weatherization Rebate Application.

A properly insulated and sealed house not only will keep the warmth in during the winter and the heat out during the summer, it will ease the burden put on your heating and cooling system to keep a comfortable temperature in your home.

Insulation

Adding insulation to your ducts, attic, floors and walls can save you both energy and money in the life of your home. Calculate your rebate by multiplying the square footage of the insulated space by the appropriate rebate amount according to this table.

Insulation Location	Starting Insulation Level	Final Insulation Level	Rebate Amount Per Square Foot
Attic	≤ R7	≥ R38	\$2.00
Attic	R8-R11	≥ R38	\$0.75
Attic	R12-R19	≥ R38	\$0.30
Attic	R20-R30	≥ R38	\$0.09
Floors	≤ R11	R19	\$0.75
Floors	≤ R11	R25 or R30	\$0.90
Walls	R0	≥ R11	\$2.00

As you can see, insulation incentives are higher where the amount of insulation added is greater. Yes, there are energy savings when taking an R-25 attic up to R-40 but they are quite modest. The significant savings come from addressing poorly insulated areas in terms of the depth of the insulation or very uneven. You are allowed to do the work yourself or you may use one of our partnering weatherization contractors. If you hire a contractor, you may designate the incentives be paid to you or your contractor. That designation is made on the rebate application. When the incentives are designated to the contractor, that amount will appear as a credit on your invoice.

To ensure this work will lead to significant energy savings it must done in accordance with the BPA Weatherization Specifications. If you are interested or need to find these resources because you are doing the work yourself, you will find them here:

[Best Practices Field Guide](#)

[BPA Weatherization Specifications](#)

Air-Sealing

Having a well-insulated home is much of the battle, but if the home is drafty you may be uncomfortable and lose a lot of conditioned air through leaks. New homes address this with an inspection to confirm that all penetrations through the envelope of the home have been sealed. If your home is more than 25-years-old, it may be susceptible to considerable air infiltration and may feel drafty. It isn't easy to get to the most critical problem areas without gaining access to the floors from below and the attics from above so, in many cases, this should occur during a major remodel.

Incentives for whole-home air sealing are based on the reduction of the air volume moving in and out of the home – this is measured in cubic feet per minute (CFM) and determined through a blower door test before and after air-sealing. Benton REA will pay a rebate of \$0.20/CFM.

You may contact me for a list of qualified contractors. If your contractor isn't on the list, have them talk to me about becoming a participant in our rebate program.

Please reach out to me with any other questions you may have about Benton REA's insulation and air-sealing rebates.

Sincerely,

Eric Miller
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Benton Rural Electric Association

Weatherization Rebate Application

Please return this application, with copies of receipts and installation costs to:

Benton REA (Attn: Eric), P.O. Box 1150, Prosser, WA 99350
Or email to eMiller@BentonREA.org

Household Information

Member/Owner Name:	Best Phone #:	Email:
Installation Address:		Mailing Address (if different):
Home Type <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Home <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured Home		

Installation of New Insulation Information (Categories: Duct, Floor, Wall, Ceiling)

Category	Type & Product	Pre R	Added R	Total R	Inches	Area (SqFt)	Rebate

Required Signatures: If installed by the homeowner, the homeowner should also sign the installer section.

<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the purchase receipt or installer's invoice is included with this application.	
Indicate who will receive the rebate check: <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner or <input type="checkbox"/> Installing Contractor	
Homeowner signature:	Date:
Installer name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Non-contractor or Homeowner
Installer signature:	Date:

Check this box if whole-home air-sealing is being performed on this house and submit the completed Blower Door Test Results Form found at this link to Benton REA.

http://www.energy.wsu.edu/Documents/Blower%20door%20results%20form_2015.pdf