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Green Energy Ohio Solar Thermal Rebate Program

Statewide – Nonprofit organization Green Energy Ohio is pleased to announce that it has been selected by The Sierra Club to receive funding to administer a solar thermal rebate program in Ohio. GEO is now receiving applications for rebates on solar water heating systems purchased after April 1, 2009 on owner-occupied residential properties in Ohio for the primary purpose to supplement domestic water heating. Qualifying applicants may apply for the rebate to cover a portion of the costs of eligible projects. Rebate funds are limited, but subject to program conditions and requirements, qualifying applications will be funded until all the funds allocated for this Notice of Funding Availability (GEO NOFA 09-01) have been exhausted.

Eligible applicants can receive a rebate to cover a portion of the system cost based on the projected energy output from the solar collectors. Rebates will be calculated at \$30 per kBtu/day based on Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) data. The maximum rebate amount is \$2,400 per applicant.

Northeast Ohio Program Manager, Athan Barkoukis says, “The GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Program combined with the 30% Federal Investment Tax Credit will make solar thermal systems more affordable for the average homeowner, and will help spur the investment in and deployment of solar technologies across the Buckeye State.”

How to Participate:

1. Visit <http://www.greenenergyohio.org/page.cfm?pageID=2295>.
2. Review all *GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Application Forms*.
3. Submit PART I of the *GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Application Form* to GEO, along with the required documentation.
 - a. Applicants will be notified by mail within 30 days if their applications have been approved, denied, or if more information is required. Approved applicants will receive a Rebate Reservation Confirmation Number from GEO.
 - b. Upon receiving a Rebate Reservation Number from GEO, applicants will have six (6) months to complete the system installation.
4. After the installation is complete, submit PART II of the *GEO Solar Thermal Rebate Application Form* along with required documentation.
5. Systems are subject to random inspection. Once GEO receives PART II of the application, GEO may schedule a final inspection with the Applicant. Rebate funds will NOT be distributed until project is complete and meets final inspection requirements.
6. Please allow 4-6 weeks from approval of the inspection by GEO for processing and issuing of the rebate check.
7. Receive your rebate check.
8. Enjoy clean and renewable energy and energy savings!

Special Thanks to our Supporter: The Sierra Club

About the Sierra Club: The Club is America's oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Inspired by nature, we are 1.3 million of your friends and neighbors, working together to protect our communities and the planet.

About Green Energy Ohio: Green Energy Ohio is a statewide non-profit organization created in 2000 and dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. Green Energy Ohio is the Ohio Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society.