

Residential New Construction Program (single family homes)

The purpose of this program incentivize anyone building a home in Palo Alto to build it to a more efficient level than is required by state and local codes and ordinances.

Under the new “Green Building Standards for Compliance for Private Development” a new single family residence must achieve a minimum of 70 points through Build It Green, depending on the size of the home. The Green Building Ordinance can be found at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/greenbuildingordinance

The City of Palo Alto Utilities will offer the building owner \$30 for each Build It Green point that meets the below criteria:

1. Total points must be above the minimum criteria for the home you are building as established by the Palo Alto Green Building Standards.
2. The \$30 per point rebate is only for points in the Energy and Water categories. Rebates are only given for points achieved above the minimum requirements for those two categories (30 points for energy, 9 points for water).
3. Points received in Section I, Renewable Energy can be used to reach your total of 70 Build It Green points, but cannot be used towards rebate points in the Energy category. Please see the Utilities Department’s PV Partners (www.cityofpaloalto.org/PVpartners) and Solar Water Heating Programs (www.cityofpaloalto.org/SWH) for enhanced renewable energy rebates.
4. The maximum rebate available through this program is \$900 per home.

To receive your rebate you must submit an application along with your finalized Build It Green checklist and the latest version of your Title 24 Energy Calculations stamped approved by the Building Division.

Please keep a copy of all documents submitted for your rebate; documentation will not be returned.

Before purchasing appliances for your home, please check out our Smart Energy Program at www.cityofpaloalto.org/smartenergy.

Residential New Construction Program Rebate Reservation Form



Today's date: _____

CPAU Account Number (if applicable): _____

Customer Name: _____

Customer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Completion Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Project at time of permit issuance

Square footage of project: _____

Build It Green Points required by Palo Alto Green Building Standards _____

See Green Building Standards at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/greenbuildingordinance

List the total number of Build It Green points achieved in the following:

Total points achieved on checklist: _____

Must be higher than "Palo Alto Green Building Standards" requirement

Total points in the Energy Category _____

Minimum points required in Energy Category **-30**

Total points in Section I: Renewable Energy _____

Renewable Energy projects are eligible for enhanced rebates through other Palo Alto programs. See www.cityofpaloalto.org/swh and www.cityofpaloalto.org/pvpartners for details.

Total points in the Water Category _____

Minimum points required in Water Category **-9**

Total eligible points _____

X \$30/point

Total Rebate Amount Reserved _____

I have read, agree to, and understand the terms and conditions as listed on this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Residential New Construction Program Rebate Claim Form



Today's date: _____

CPAU Account Number (if applicable): _____

Customer Name: _____

Customer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Completion Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Actual Installed Project

Square footage of project: _____

Build It Green Points required by Palo Alto Green Building Standards _____

See Green Building Standards at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/greenbuildingordinance

List the total number of Build It Green points achieved in the following:

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Must be higher than "Palo Alto Green Building Standards" requirement

Total points in the Energy Category _____

Minimum points required in Energy Category **-30**

Total points in Section I: Renewable Energy _____

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Minimum points required in Water Category **-9**

Total eligible points _____

X \$30/point

Total Rebate Amount _____

Attachments

Title 24 Calculations

Build It Green Spreadsheet

I have read, agree to, and understand the terms and conditions as listed on this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

How to Apply:

1. Send in a filled out Rebate Reservation Form soon after you receive a building permit. Fill out form to the best of your knowledge so we can reserve an appropriate rebate amount in your name. Your reservation will be good for 18 months from this time to complete your project. If you anticipate delays, please let us know as soon as possible.
2. When your project is completed, fill out the Rebate Claim Form with the actual, installed checklist point totals and submit that with your finalized Build It Green checklist and the latest version of your Title 24 Energy Calculations stamped approved by the Building Division.
3. You will receive a rebate your rebate within the next 8-12 weeks.

Send applications to: Residential New Construction Program
Utility Marketing Services
PO Box 10250
Palo Alto, CA 94302
Or fax to: 650-617-3140

Terms and Conditions

1. The new property must receive electric, gas and water service from the City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU).
2. Funding is on a first come, first served basis, or until funds are depleted.
You are urged to consult your tax advisor concerning program incentives. CPAU is not responsible for taxes that may be imposed as a result of your receipt of any financial incentives from CPAU.
3. Customer agrees to participate voluntarily in the New Construction program.
4. Customer certifies that they have met the program eligibility requirements and that the information with this agreement is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.
5. Customer certifies that they have read and understand the project requirements, Terms and Conditions, and the Agreement.
6. Customer understands that participation in this program is subject to the acceptance of this application by CPAU.
7. CPAU reserves the right to change, modify and reduce rebate levels, as well as add or drop efficiency measures at any time without prior notice.
8. Customer understands that it must complete their project(s) and provide copies of required paperwork as a prerequisite to receiving any reimbursement.
9. Customer shall indemnify and hold harmless CPAU from any damage, loss, or liability that may arise from the undertaking of this project.
10. Customer understands that any changes to this agreement must be in writing and approved by CPAU.
11. Customer understands that the incentive requires inspections and/or measurements of the performance of the measures. Therefore, customer agrees to provide access to the project site for these purposes to CPAU and/or its agents.