



PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION (PREF) 2026 Safe Appliance Installation Rebate Program Guidelines

NOTE TO CONSUMERS: You may only receive a rebate through a participating propane company. The propane company must complete and submit an application to MAPGA PREF.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mid-Atlantic Propane Research and Education Foundation (Mid-Atlantic PREF) program is to ensure the safe installation of propane appliances.

Mid-Atlantic PREF's safe appliance installation rebate program will offer a rebate upon installation of the following appliances:

- \$300 – propane-fueled water heater (tank or tankless)
- \$300 – propane-fueled furnace
- \$200 – propane-fueled clothes dryer
- \$200 – propane-fueled cooktop range
- \$200 – propane-fueled residential generator (7kW-50kW)
- \$200 – propane-fueled fireplace insert
- \$100 – propane-fueled fireplace logs

A rebate application must be submitted to Mid-Atlantic PREF within 30 days of the final safety inspection, following installation of the appliance. Checks are sent directly to the homeowner or builder; please allow up to 4-6 weeks for processing.

II. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Marketers should contact the Association office to determine the availability of rebates prior to implementing widespread outreach campaigns, and to ensure that your individual customer's rebate will be funded. The installation and inspection of the appliance must be completed by ***December 31, 2026***.

III. ELIGIBILITY

A. Marketers: Only Delaware and Maryland propane marketers are eligible to participate. The program is designed only for propane marketers and is not available to the public, except through a marketer. The marketer is responsible for documenting that an eligible installation has been performed, that all appliances (installed and/or replaced) have been correctly identified, and that a safety inspection has been completed. The marketer must submit the completed application to Mid-Atlantic PREF for consideration.

B. Consumers: Consumers may only receive a rebate through a participating propane retailer (visit retailers.propane.com for a list of propane companies in your area) and must agree to the regulations and conditions stated on the application form, including allowing an inspection of the installation and agreeing not to modify or move the installation for at least one year following the installation.

IV. ELIGIBLE INSTALLATIONS

The program authorizes a rebate for the installation of propane-fueled appliances in new or existing construction. Installations in travel trailers, mobile or manufactured homes not in permanent residential or

commercial use are ineligible. The installation must take place on real property located within Delaware or Maryland and be clearly identified by physical address on the rebate application.

Eligible water heaters must be propane-fueled, either a storage-type rated at not less than 30 gallons water capacity or a continuous (tankless) type rated at not less than 50,000 Btu/hour input. Eligible furnaces must be propane-fueled and the primary source of heat in a residential or commercial building.

Limits: No more than one rebate shall be paid for each eligible installation. Mid-Atlantic PREF reserves the right to limit the total number of rebates that may be submitted by a participating marketer.

V. COMPLIANCE

Mid-Atlantic PREF approves each application individually. Missing data or factual errors may delay or disqualify an application.

Criteria for rejecting applications:

1. Postmarked more than 30 days after inspection. To be eligible again, the installation would have to be re-inspected.
2. Incomplete Information. The marketer will be contacted and given 30 days to complete the missing information prior to disqualification.
3. False or Misleading Information. Mid-Atlantic PREF reserves the right to suspend a marketer's participation in the program if it determines that the applicant submitted false information or otherwise violated program rules. An applicant may submit an appeal in writing within 30 days of notification. Actions taken by Mid-Atlantic PREF with respect to an appeal are final.

Application: Rebates must be submitted on an approved application form and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis according to receipt dates of complete and correct applications. Applications and supporting documents must be sent to the Mid-Atlantic PREF office.

A safety inspection must be conducted prior to the submission of any rebate application. Written documentation of a safety inspection is required. The inspection must be conducted on-site and include:

1. A leak check.
2. A pressure test as required by applicable laws.
3. A flow and lockup test on the regulator.

The "Gas Check" form developed by the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) is preferred for use in documenting this safety inspection.

Payment: Mid-Atlantic PREF may approve rebate applications subject to the availability of funds. Applicants have no legal right or entitlement to receive rebates under this program, and receipt of a complete and correct application does not bind Mid-Atlantic PREF to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant.

Mid-Atlantic PREF may authorize payment to a propane marketer only by assignment from a consumer, noted in writing and submitted with the rebate application. A propane marketer or applicant who submits false information pertinent to the assignment of a rebate is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

Agreement: By submitting a rebate application, the marketer acknowledges agreement with all guidelines and requirements and is bound by the terms of the program therein.

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