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## NEWS

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### City to offer rebates for energy efficiency

The City of San Marcos Public Services Department has implemented two new programs to encourage energy efficiency.

Through the Energy Efficient Heating/AC Rebate Program, City of San Marcos residential electric utility customers may receive rebates for making upgrades to heating/ac systems. Rebates are offered for the following:

- Replacing central heat/AC systems with efficient models,
- Adding attic/wall insulation,
- Sealing duct systems,
- Installing radiant barrier, and
- Installing programmable thermostats.

Through the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, City of San Marcos residents may receive rebates for upgrading their home appliances to efficient models. Rebates are available for upgrading:

- Refrigerators,
- Dishwashers,
- Clothes washers,
- Hot water heaters, and
- Window AC units.

Both programs require the home owner to have a free City energy audit prior to making any improvements.

“The audit enables us to identify the best energy efficiency measures for your home, so we can make recommendations that will give you the most bang for your buck” says Tom Taggart, Director of the Public Services Department. “It also allows us to better track actual energy savings so we know which measures give the City the most bang for our buck.”

The Heating/AC Rebate Program is funded through City electric rates. The Appliance Rebate Program is funded through a federal grant program.

Taggart says “If you have been thinking of upgrading your central heating/AC unit or appliances, now is the perfect time to do it. The biggest barrier to making energy efficiency upgrades is the upfront cost, and these rebates make a big difference, especially if used in conjunction with existing state and federal rebate programs.”

For more information on rebate programs please visit the City of San Marcos website at [sanmarcostx.gov/electric](http://sanmarcostx.gov/electric) or contact Jan Klein, Conservation Coordinator, at 393-8310.

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