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2020 High Efficiency Propane Water Heater Rebate Program Rules

Residential Only

(Installed in Iowa on or after *January 1, 2019* – no exceptions)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the program is to promote the use of **Residential High Efficiency Propane Water Heaters**.

II. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The program is funded through a refund of assessments paid by propane marketers to the Iowa Propane Education and Research Council. **Once the pool of rebate dollars, have been exhausted, no additional rebates will be processed. This is not a government program and it may be terminated or revised by the Iowa Propane Gas Association (IPGA) at any time. The program may be put on hold or discontinued when funds are not available.**

III. ELIGIBILITY

A. Propane Marketers: The program is **not available** to the public except through Propane Marketers. The Propane Marketer is responsible for documenting that an eligible installation has been performed, that all propane water heaters (installed and/or replaced) have been correctly identified, and that a **safety inspection, in accordance with these program rules has been completed**. Propane marketers must submit the completed application to IPGA for consideration.

An eligible propane marketer is one who:

- operates or manages a retail business, including any branch, outlet or outlets, delivering odorized propane to consumers; and
- is a regular supplier of propane to the consumer.

The Propane Marketer seeking a rebate must submit a full and complete application form. Submission of the application form constitutes a representation on the part of the participating Propane Marketer that the work shown on the forms and any attachments thereto has actually been completed and that the submission is true and correct in all respects. **You or your designated agents must perform a safety inspection of the new qualifying water heater after the installation. A copy of the safety inspection must be submitted with this application. The safety inspection must meet the requirements set forth in Section III (H) of these program rules.** The Propane Marketer agrees to comply with all laws, rules and regulations governing the installation, inspection and testing of the propane piping system. The Propane Marketer acknowledges that the Iowa Propane Gas Association is only giving a rebate for the qualifying residential high efficiency propane water heater and assumes no responsibility whatsoever for the installation, inspection or testing of the qualifying residential high efficiency propane water heater or any associated gas system. The propane marketer acknowledges that the Iowa Propane Gas Association is relying on the propane marketer and its submission with respect to the installation, testing and inspection of the propane piping system, and the Iowa Propane Gas Association expressly disclaims all liability for the same. By issuing a rebate, the Iowa Propane Gas Association makes no representation, warranty or guarantee regarding the qualifying, residential, high efficiency, propane water heater, or the associated gas system. The Iowa Propane Gas Association disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, business losses or other damages of any nature whatsoever, whether special, indirect, consequential or compensatory, directly or indirectly arising from the installation of the qualifying residential high efficiency propane water heater.

B. Consumers: Consumers may only receive a rebate through their propane marketer. Only a propane marketer may apply and submit the rebate form. The rebate payment will be made directly to the propane marketer. The customer must agree to the regulations and conditions stated on the application form, including allowing a safety inspection of the propane piping system and agreeing not to modify or move the installation. A charge may occur for the safety inspection, please visit with your propane marketer. The residential, high efficiency, propane, water heater installation address must be in **Iowa**.

C. Eligible installations: The current program may authorize rebates for eligible **residential high efficiency propane water heaters installed on or after January 1, 2019:**

- A rebate for authorized residential high efficiency, propane water heater, installations, which occur in new construction; or to replace an existing electric, natural gas or propane water heater with a new residential, high efficiency, propane water heater.
- Installations performed on motor vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes or manufactured homes that are not in permanent residential use in Iowa are not eligible for rebates under this program. The installation must take place on real property, occur within the effective dates of this program and be located in the state of Iowa.
- Eligible residential, high efficiency, propane water heaters must comply with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act standards required by April 16, 2015.

- The residential, high efficiency, propane water heater must meet the Uniformed Energy Factor requirements listed in the table below.

Product Class	Rated Storage Volume	Uniformed Energy Factor
Gas-fired Propane Water Heater [Tank Type]	20 gal and 55 gal	0.67 - (0.0015*Vs)
(Rebate = $200.00)	> 55 gal and 100 gal	0.8012 - (0.00078*Vs)
Instantaneous [Tankless] Gas-fired Propane Water Heater **(Rebate = $300.00)**	< 2 gal	0.82 - (0.0019*Vs)

Vs: Rated Storage Volume - the water storage capacity of a water heater (in gallons).

Visit https://www.ahridirectory.org to see if your water heater qualifies.

D. **Limits:** Only one rebate for the installation of a qualifying propane water heater will be paid per household in Iowa.
All propane water heaters must be vented to be eligible for a rebate. All vent free products are ineligible.
LIMIT ONE RESIDENTIAL PROPANE WATER HEATER REBATE PER HOUSEHOLD.

E. **Compliance**: IPGA approves each application individually. Missing data or factual errors may delay or disqualify the application. Here are criteria for rejection applications:

- Incomplete application (signatures missing, copies not attached, etc.) Forms will be returned to the submitting marketer for correction or denial.
- False or misleading information. An applicant or propane marketer may be suspended from or declared ineligible to participate in the rebate program if the IPGA Board judges that the applicant or marketer has submitted false information or otherwise violated program rules. Within 30 days after the IPGA Board suspends or declares a participant ineligible, the applicant or propane marketer may appeal the action by submitting the appeal in writing to the IPGA Board. Actions taken by the IPGA Board with respect to such appeals will be final. A propane marketer or applicant who submits false information pertinent to the assignment of a rebate is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

F. **Application:** Consumers **may not** submit the application form; the Propane Marketer must submit it. **To apply you must complete the 2020 High Efficiency Propane Water Heater Rebate Program Application; provide all information required; attach required documentation, including the safety inspection record and invoice showing the purchase and installation of the propane water heater. Rebate checks will be issued to the Propane Marketer only and must be cashed within 90 days. Inaccurate information on the rebate form can cause delays or disqualification.** Rebates must be submitted on forms prescribed and provided by the IPGA for this purpose. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis according to receipt dates of complete and correct applications. Applications must be sent to IPGA for submission.

G. **Payment:** **IPGA may approve rebate payments to an applicant subject to availability of funds. Applicants have no legal right or other entitlement to receive rebates under this program, and receipt of a complete and correct application does not bind IPGA to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant. This is not a government program and the program may end at any time.** IPGA authorizes payment of an eligible residential, propane, water heater rebate to a propane marketer. The consumer and the propane marketer must both sign the application. Rebate amounts assigned will be those in effect at the time an application is approved.

H. **Verification:** A safety inspection, conducted by or on behalf of the participating marketer, must be conducted prior to submission of any eligible residential propane water heater rebate application. **The requirements for a safety inspection; are the testing of the installation of the propane piping system.** A propane marketer will conduct this inspection or the propane marketers designated agent, for verifying that the installation of the propane piping system complies with **Iowa Code section 101.1 – Chapter 226 – "Liquefied Petroleum Gas," Iowa Administrative Code.** A copy of this code can be found on our website at www.iapropane.org.

I. **Complaints:** Any person may file a complaint about an installation, an applicant, a propane marketer or another person regarding alleged violations of rebate program rules. Complaints may be submitted in writing to: IPGA - PO Box 57188 - Des Moines, IA 50317.