

HOME ENERGY CREDITS

For 2009, 2010, and beyond, there are a number of opportunities to save taxes by investing in energy saving items related to your personal(primary) residence. Generally speaking, the credits available fall into two categories.

The first category is for expenditures qualifying for a 30% credit up to a maximum of \$4,500 in expenditures. These are for home improvement items(or new construction) including insulation, doors, windows as well as certain roofs. Also qualifying for this credit is certain building property including electric heat pumps, central air conditioners and water heaters. Manufactures provide certifications with respect to qualifying property.

In addition to the above category, there is another category of expenditures which qualify. This category qualifies for a 30% credit also with no cap and is available for expenditures thru 2016. This category relates to energy efficient property and includes solar water heating, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cells, wind energy, and solar electric property.

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