Heat Pump 101 for Connecticut Residents

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Empowering Connecticut to Make Smart Energy Choices



Eversource, CNG, SCG and UI, the Energy Efficiency Board, Connecticut Green Bank, and the State have united on a shared mission - to provide Connecticut residents and businesses the resources they need to **save money and use clean energy**.

The Energize Connecticut initiative empowers our communities to make smart energy choices, now and in the future.











Heat Pump Overview



Image courtesy of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

What is a heat pump?



Image courtesy of Dandelion Geothermal

Ground Source (Geothermal) Heat Pumps

Winter: Heating Heat is moved from the air outside (even when it is cold) into your home.

Summer: Cooling Heat is moved from inside your home to the air outside (even when it is hot).



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Air Source Heat Pumps



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Air Source Heat Pump System Types



Ductless Indoor Units



Low Static: a few rooms Med Static: an entire floor

Centrally-Ducted



High Static: An entire floor or home Can be paired in dual-fuel configurations



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Ducted Indoor Units

Single-Zone (mini split) • 1 to 1

Multi-Zone (multi split) • 2 to 4

Multi-Zone (w/ branch box) • 2 to 8







Outdoor Units



Benefits & Considerations



Ability to heat and cool with one unit







Reduced carbon emissions

Heat Pump Benefits



Heat Pumps are Highly Cost Competitive



Heat pumps are significantly less carbon intensive

Efficiency First

- Does your home have adequate insulation levels?
- Is your home well air sealed?
- Have you had a Home Energy SolutionsSM visit?



Goals and Motivation

Clearly articulating your goals to a contractor can help ensure you receive a quote for a system design that meets your needs and expectations.

Are you motivated by:

- Cost savings?
- Increased comfort?
- A reduced carbon footprint?



Will you keep your existing heating system?

- Consider utilizing integrated controls to:
 - Keep your existing heating system from competing with your heat pump system
 - Prioritize your heat pump for energy savings

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Displacement Strategy

Design Questions:

- How many zones do you want to condition?
- Are the zones significantly different sizes and do they communicate with one another?



System Design

Undersized System (\$4-7k)

Possibly Trying to Condition: Too Much Space

- Too few indoor units may lead to perceived comfort issues
- Wired thermostat is likely needed for this setup to be effective.
- Many homeowners are heating solely with a wood/pellet stove. This in theory is no different.



Oversized System (\$15-22k)

Trying to Condition: Too Little Space

- Too many indoor units often leads to wildly oversized systems resulting in poor performance and higher operating cost.
- Heat pump systems are designed to run continuously, which is not achieved if system capacity is greater than the building's load (heating/cooling needs).



Properly Sized System (\$14-17k)

Trying to Condition: Just Right

- Peak operating efficiency
- Installed equipment matches
 manufacturer's submittals
- Better comfort, less maintenance, better humidity control





Operational Guidance



Seal in the savings



Use heat pumps year-round

Heat Pump User Tips



Set it and forget it





Set it for comfort

Avoid auto mode

Setting Considerations



Clean the air filters

Keep outdoor units clean and clear



Service systems regularly

Owner Maintenance



Available Resources

Home Energy SolutionsSM

Get an in-home energy performance assessment where professionals will make and recommend improvements for your single-family home that lead to immediate and long-term energy savings.

Energy Resources for Income-Eligible Customers

Whether you rent or own your home, if you meet specific income requirements, you can qualify for lowto no-cost weatherization improvements that save you money and energy. Call **877-WISE-USE** (877-947-3873)

for more information

Air Source Heat Pump Rebates

Equipment Type	Minimum Efficiency Requirements	Instant Discount	Energy Optimization Rebate	Total Combined Incentive	
Air Source Heat Pump	Refer to EnergizeCT.com/HPQPL	\$250/ton	\$1,000/ton	\$1,250/ton*	
*Maximum of three (3) system and up to \$15,000 combined incentives per home. Tons are calculated based on AHRI					

cooling capacity. (1 ton=12,000 BTUs).

Complete recommended insulation work through the Energize CT Home Energy Solutions service prior to installing a new heat pump system to be eligible for a **\$500 bonus incentive**.

Energize CT Qualified Product List

Ground Source Heat Pump Rebates

2023 Energize CT Ground Source Heat Pump Rebates

Equipment Type	Equipment Capacity		EER	СОР	Instant Discount	Energy Optimization Rebate*
						Residential
Ground Source Heat Pump (Closed Loop)	Brine to Air	< 11.3 Tons	17.1	3.6		
	Brine to Water	< 5.4 Tons	16.1	3.1	_	\$2,000/Ton
		≥ 5.4 Tons and < 11.3 Tons	16.1	3.0		

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Energize CT Heating Loan

0.99% up to \$15,000

On-bill Financing





Smart-e Loan 4.49-6.99% 5-12 Year Repayment Options No Money Down Micro-Loan 0% \$1,000-3,000 3 year term On-bill financing

Financing

Heat Pump Water Heaters



- Produces lots of hot water
- Can be up to 2x as efficient as

electric resistance water heaters

• Helps dehumidify

Heat Pump Consultations

We offer no-cost consultations to help provide you the information and resources you need to make a decision that is right for you and your family.





Qualified Contractors

To be eligible for rebates, work with a contractor participating in the Energize Connecticut **Heat Pump Installer Network**.

Participating contractors are independent, licensed, insured, and actively engaged with the Energize CT Heat Pump program.



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Questions

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