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2010-2012 Florida Water Heater Safety Rebate Program Rules

This program is available on propane water heaters purchased on or after July 31, 2010 until June 1, 2012 or funds are depleted, whichever comes first.

I. Purpose

The purpose of Propane Education Foundation of Florida's (PEFF) 2010-2012 Safe Installation of Water Heaters Program is to encourage proper safety installations by licensed propane marketers. A \$300 rebate will be available for propane marketers who follow the guidelines and perform safe installations of new water heaters in a primary residential dwelling. A propane marketer participation form, request for purchase order, proper documentation of the purchase of a new water heater and safety inspection form must be submitted before the rebate will be distributed. Both types of propane-fueled water heaters, tank and tankless, are included in this safety program.

II. Availability of Funds

- A. This program is funded through assessments paid by Florida propane marketers. Participating dealers should contact PEFF to determine fund availability and to obtain a Purchase Order Number (PO) per sale to secure funding. PO's will expire after 60 days of request unless an extension is granted by PEFF of application received at PEFF. Failure to obtain a PO may result in non-funding of an application.
- B. The Safe Installation of Water Heaters Program shall be capped at \$450,000. Rebates will be available through participating propane marketers on a first-come, first-serve basis.

III. Eligibility

- A. Marketers: Only Florida propane marketers who have completed a participation form and been accepted into the program are eligible to participate. The program is available through participating propane marketers and is not directly available to the public except through participating propane marketers. The participating propane marketer is responsible for documenting that an eligible installation has been performed, that all appliances have been correctly identified, and that a safety inspection has been completed. Participating propane marketers are responsible for submitting the completed rebate forms to PEFF for consideration.

IV. Non-Eligibility

- A. Employees of propane marketers are not eligible to participate in the PEFF Water Heater Safety Rebate Program.

V. Eligible Installations

- A. The installation must take place on real residential property located within the State of Florida
- B. Eligible water heaters must be propane-fueled, either a storage-type rated at not less than 30 gallons water capacity or an instantaneous (tankless) type rated at not less than 50,000 btu-hour input.
- C. No more than one rebate shall be paid per residential address.
- D. All water heater installations are subject to audit by the PEFF.

VI. Compliance

A. PEFF will approve each application individually. Missing data or factual errors may delay or disqualify an application. Criteria for rejecting applications are as follows:

1. Postmarked more than 30 days after safety inspection.
2. Incomplete application: The participating propane marketer will be contacted to supply any missing information, such as missing signatures. Failure to submit missing items within 30 days of notification will disqualify application.
3. False or misleading information: PEFF reserves the right to suspend a propane marketer's participation in the program if it adjudges 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 the PEFF Board with respect to such appeals will be final.

B. Application: Rebates must be submitted on full and complete approved application form and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis according to the date of the PO requested from PEFF. Submission of the application form constitutes a representation on the part of the participating propane marketer that all the work shown on the form has actually been completed. Application and documentation can be mailed, hand delivered, emailed or faxed.

C. Payment: PEFF may approve rebates subject to 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 PEFF to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant. PEFF will process rebate applications promptly and send checks to specified parties within 60 days of receipt of application.

D. A safety inspection, such as on a gas check safety inspection form, or a similar company safety inspection form that contains all appropriate information, must be performed by the participating propane marketer prior to submission of request for payment. An appropriate safety inspection consists of an on-site inspection, including any necessary pressure test or leak test of an eligible installation by the participating propane marketer. The purpose is to verify that the propane gas system, including all equipment, is installed in compliance with the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions and all applicable LP Gas codes and regulations adopted by the State of Florida. A copy of the propane marketer's completed safety inspection form must accompany the request for payment.

IMPORTANT

The safety inspection for qualifying water heater installations must, at a minimum, include the following: 1) a leak test; 2) a pressure test if required by applicable laws, rules and regulations; and 3) a flow and lock up test on the regulator(s). The propane marketer agrees to comply with all laws, rules and regulations governing the installation of the qualifying water heater and with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The Propane Education Foundation of Florida assumes no responsibility whatsoever for the installation, inspection, or testing of the qualifying water heater or any associated gas system and, by issuing a rebate, makes no representation, warranty or guarantee regarding the qualifying water heater or the associated gas system. The Propane Education Foundation of Florida 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 water heater.