

Online Application Quick Start Guide

The Oregon Department of Energy is offering rebates for energy efficient rebuilding of residential and commercial structures destroyed during the 2020 wildfires. Rebate amounts range from \$3,000 to \$18,000 or more for qualifying rebuilds – lower-income applicants are eligible for higher incentive amounts. Owners purchasing a replacement manufactured home or installing a high efficiency heat pump may also qualify for a rebate.

Owners building new structures on vacant property that burned are not eligible for incentives – only original owners or buyers replacing original structures are eligible.

Visit https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Pages/EEWR.aspx for program details.



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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- Eligibility Must be an owner rebuilding to current code or better to recover from the wildfires that occurred between August 1 – September 30, 2020.
- Required Documentation Building Permit from your local Building Department; proof of purchase (for Manufactured Home & Heat Pump)
- Timeline
 - Apply by May 31, 2023
 - o Complete Building Inspections by November 30, 2024
 - Allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing
- **Incentive Amounts**
 - o \$3,000 for site-built house, plus \$4,500 if low-income owner
 - Homeowner incentive doubles if built above code
 - \$12,500 for Manufactured Homes & \$5,000 for heat pumps
 - o Extra Incentives for Commercial/Public buildings and Multi-family Housing
- For more details contact ODOE's Wildfire Rebuilding team at 800-221-8035 or Wildfire.Recovery@energy.oregon.gov

For fastest review and reservation of funds, use our online application form:



https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/EEWRI





All applicants must start at the Permit Phase to reserve an incentive, even if construction is already completed.

Have these things handy to complete your EEWRI application:

- **Building Permit** number, if any
- Name of the Electric Utility serving the site
- For Site-Built Structure -- Name of the Building Code on your permit
- For Manufactured Home -
 - o Energy Efficiency Certification, such as **NEEM** 1.1 or better
 - Retailer name and Sales Invoice
- For Heat Pump Heating and Cooling efficiency ratings (HSPF & SEER)

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THE THREE PHASES OF THE INCENTIVE PROCESS

1. Permit Phase - Building Permit Issued/Purchased Manufactured Home

- Apply to reserve your incentive
- If eligible, ODOE reserves incentive pending proof of construction

2. Construction Phase - Rebuilding in Progress

- When is construction is finished, Building Department:
 - o issues Certificate of Occupancy, or
 - o approves Final Inspection
- If already rebuilt or installed, go to next phase

3. Occupancy Phase – Certificate of Occupancy Issued

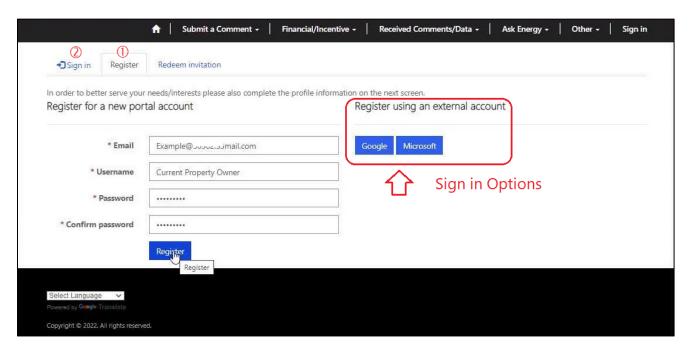
- Apply to request payment
- If approved, ODOE issues incentive payment

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GETTING STARTED

Step 1. Register: https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/EEWRI

- Enter your email address
- Create a username and password
- Click the blue Register button
- OR, sign in with your Google or Microsoft account
- 1. First time users should select the register tab \bigcirc . Enter your username and password, then click the blue *Register* button.
- 2. All registered customers should use the *Sign In* tab②. Enter your username and password, then click the blue *Sign in* button.



Step 2. Apply to Reserve Your Incentive

- Answer all required questions
- Questions marked with "*" are required
- Click the Submit button at the end of the application

You must submit an application to begin the reservation process.

Sign in to the EEWRI application portal at https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/EEWRI/

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Select "I am applying for an Energy Efficiency Wildfire Rebuilding Incentive"

This creates a draft reservation request for your incentive. To be considered for approval, your application must be completed and submitted to ODOE.





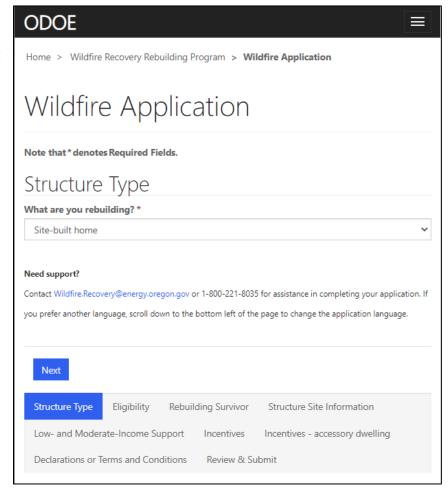
When starting a new application, you will first be asked what type of structure you are rebuilding. How you answer the first question affects the rest of the application. Available questions will change depending on your answer.

The application will ask a series of questions on different pages. The name of the active page is highlighted in blue at the bottom of the application window.

Your progress is saved automatically when you click the blue *Next* button. If you sign out before submitting the application, you will be returned to the last completed page when you sign back in.

Different information is needed for each type of structure. For example:

- If you are rebuilding a site-built dwelling, you can also apply for additional incentives:
 - As a Low-Income Owner, and/or
 - o for an Accessory Dwelling.
 - You won't be asked about manufactured home, or heat pump details.



• If you apply for a manufactured home incentive, then you will see questions including the option to apply for an additional incentive for a heat pump.

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Site-built Dwelling: Low- or Moderate-Income Eligibility

Additional incentives are available for low- or moderate-income residential structure owners. See qualifying Income Guidelines at https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Incentives/Documents/LMI-Qualifications.pdf

The owner must provide proof of eligibility from one of the sources listed below.

NOTE: Low-income incentive not available for Manufactured Home buyers.

Low-Income Support

1. Select Yes if you are applying for the Low-Income Incentive.



- 2. Check ONE box to show how you are eligible for the low-income incentive. Proof of eligibility must be provided for ONE of the following programs or from a tax transcript:
 - a. Owner was eligible within last three years for:
 - i. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
 - ii. Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP); or
 - iii. Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP)
 - b. Owner was eligible within last seven months for:
 - i. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
 - ii. Oregon Health Plan (OHP) (Medicaid); or
 - iii. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - c. Owner's household income is less than or equal to 100 percent of state median income adjusted for household size
 - i. Requires either an Oregon Department of Revenue tax transcript or U.S. Internal Revenue Service tax transcript for each tax filer residing at the household
 - ii. Transcript must be for:
 - 1. The most recent tax filing year immediately preceding the current year, or
 - 2. The year prior if the tax return for the most recent tax filing year has not yet been filed.

Upload proof of eligibility for the program you selected or a copy of your most recent tax transcripts. Contact the IRS at https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript or DOR at (800)356-4222 for a transcript. Please do not send your tax return.

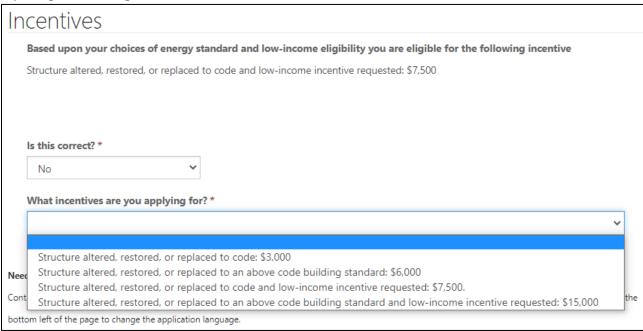


Please DO NOT upload copies of your tax return, W2, paycheck stub, or other wage statements.

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Incentive Calculation

1. Your total incentive amount will be automatically calculated based on your answers. You will be asked if you agree or disagree with the total.



- 2. If you disagree with the calculated incentive total, you may:
 - a. Revise your answers to the application questions on the previous pages. Doing so will cause the incentive amount to be recalculated; or
 - b. Select a different incentive amount from the dropdown list

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GET READY TO SUBMIT

Upload Supporting Documents

Upload your supporting documents before you submit your application. Documents required for a complete application include:

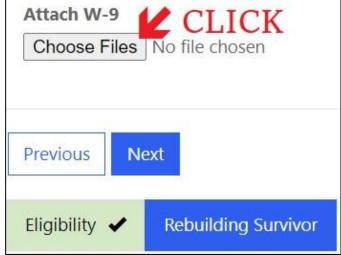
- Manufactured Home
 - Sales agreement
 - NEEM certificate
- Site-built dwelling
 - Building permit
 - Proof of income (if applying for low-income incentive)

These documents are required before incentive payment is issued:

- Certificate of Occupancy
- W-9 Form

As you complete your application as you prepare your application, you will have several opportunities to upload supporting documents.

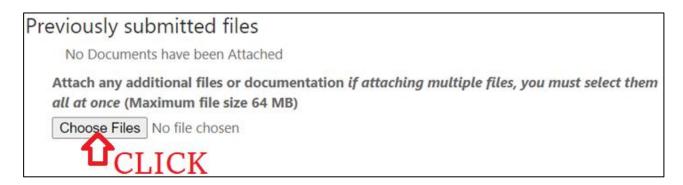
- On the rebuilding survivor page there is a reminder to attach your W-9 form. Click "Choose Files" to upload your W-9 Form.
- If you are filing for the additional low- or moderate-income incentive, on the Low- And Moderate-Income Support page there is also a file upload button. Click "Choose Files" to upload your tax transcripts or other proof of eligibility.
- 3. At the end of the application, there's also an opportunity to upload files.





If you have reached the end of the application and not yet uploaded your documents, do it now.

On the *Review & Submit* page, click *Choose Files* to upload your documents. To attach multiple files, select them all at once.



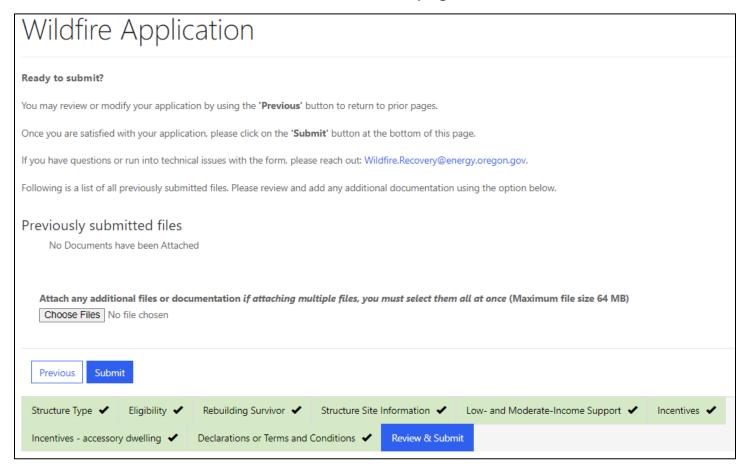
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Submit Your Application



Before you submit your application, take a moment to double check your answers.

- Click previous to review your answers on each page.
- When finished return to the review and submit page and click submit.



You will receive notification by email that ODOE has received your application for processing.

Email us at Wildfire.Recovery@energy.oregon.gov if you have any questions.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Site-built Dwelling: Structure Site Information

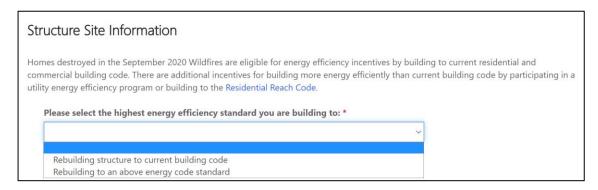
Incentives are available only for structures incorporating energy efficiency improvements. It is vital that the following energy code questions are answered accurately.

1. Select which building code or energy efficiency standard to which you are building.

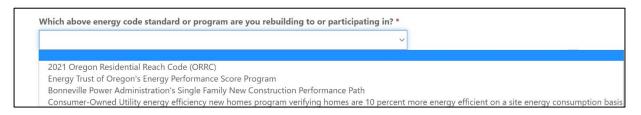


"Current building code" is based on the application date of your building permit:

- Before April 1, 2021: 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code
- Between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021: either the 2017 or 2021
 Oregon Residential Specialty Code
- After September 30, 2021: 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code



2. If you answered that you are *Rebuilding to an above energy code standard*, then additional questions will appear. Select one of these options *only if* the dwelling meets the 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code or is participating in a utility new homes energy efficiency program. Choose the option that best describes the energy efficiency standard of the reconstructed structure.



CAUTION:

The 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code is not the same as the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code. Do not select 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code unless it is the code identified on your building permit.

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Manufactured Home: Rebuilding Stage

An owner replacing a destroyed or damaged manufactured home or replacing a site-built residential dwelling with a manufactured home is eligible for an incentive of \$12,500 at the time of purchase of the new energy efficient manufactured home.

Select the stage that best describes where you are in the rebuilding process.





The total sale price of your new manufactured home and a copy of the Sales Agreement are required for a complete application. You may not be able to complete the application if you are:

- Selecting a replacement home
- Researching and planning for the home buying process

Manufactured Home: New Manufactured Home

Incentives are available only for Manufactured Homes with proven energy efficiency. Proof of energy efficiency can be any one of the following:

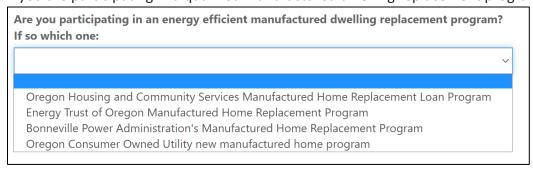
- NEEM Certification (https://www.neemhomes.com/efficiency-certified)
- Participation in Energy Trust of Oregon's Manufactured Home Replacement Program (https://www.energytrust.org/about/explore-energy-trust/rebuilding-from-wildfires/)
- Participation in Bonneville Power Administration Manufactured Home Replacement Program (https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/efficiency/residential/new-construction)
- Participation in a new manufactured home program from your local utility (contact your local utility)



If you are replacing your dwelling with a NEEM 1.1 or better, energy efficient manufactured home, choose Yes.

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If you are participating in a qualified manufactured dwelling replacement program, select it from the list.

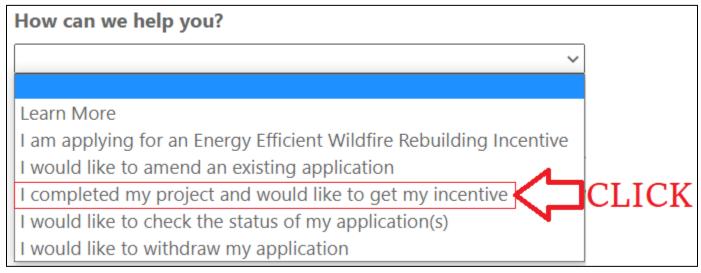


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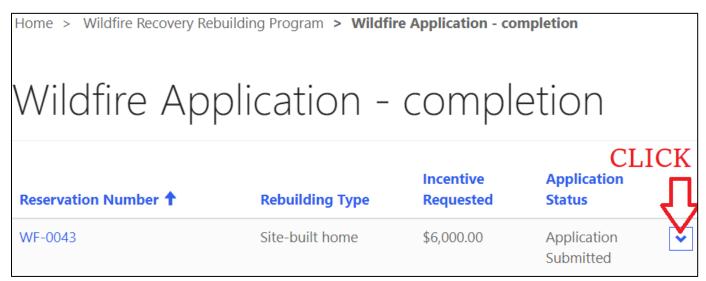
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Step 3. Request Payment of Your Incentive

- When your project is complete, log in to your account at https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/EEWRI to claim your incentive.
- 2. Select the option, "I completed my project"



3. Click on the down arrow to open the Project Completion Document.

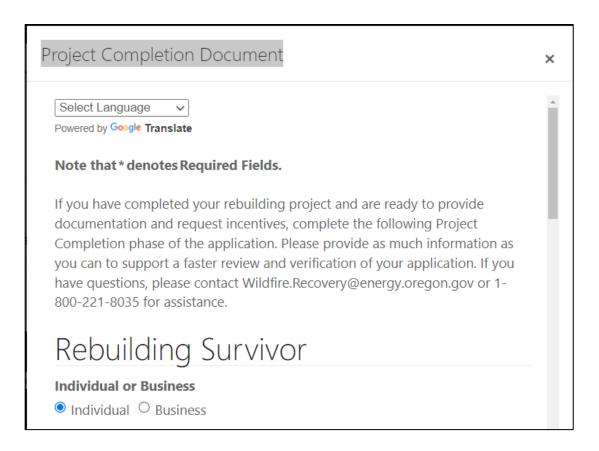


4. The Project Completion Document contains information from your original application. Update or revise as needed and answer all new questions about the completion of your project.

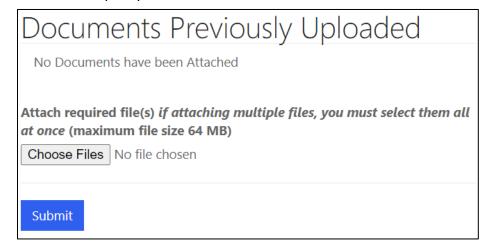


The Project Completion notice includes responses from your original application. Revise as needed so all of your project information is up to date.

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- 5. Answer all of the new questions to describe how construction/repairs of the replacement structure were completed.
- 6. Attach (upload) required documentation. These documents are required before incentive payment can be issued:
 - a. W-9 Form (disregard if you have previously uploaded a signed W-9 Form)
 - b. Certificate of Occupancy



- 7. Missing documents will delay or prevent payment of your incentive. Please upload all documents that are required for your completion notice.
- 8. ODOE will process your final application and rebate payment.

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