

# New Jersey's Clean Energy Newsletter

*Energy Saving Tips for New Jersey businesses, residents, municipalities and schools*

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## New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Newsletter MARCH 2008

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) newsletter is designed to communicate that everyone, including you, has the "Power to Save" - throughout your home, business and your community. We hope you find this newsletter to be useful and that you visit the links below to learn more about financial incentives available to save on energy efficient and renewable energy technologies.

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#### Rebates Available

Rebates are available on many of the items you use every day. These energy efficient products can help lower your monthly bills!

#### ENERGY STAR Rebate Information Quick Links:

- [Clothes Washers](#)
- [Dehumidifiers](#)
- [Furnaces](#)
- [Heat Pumps](#)
- [Central Air Conditioners](#)
- [Water Heaters](#)

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#### Applications Now Available for 2009 Solar Projects

The Renewable Energy Incentive Program is now accepting applications for solar, wind and biopower projects.

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#### Headlines

##### Save Energy and Tax Dollars Too!

President Obama recently signed a stimulus bill which included a residential energy efficiency tax credit. Tax credits that were in effect for 2009 have been extended to 2010 and raised from 10 percent to 30 percent. The maximum credit was raised from \$500 to \$1500 for the two years (2009-2010). The credit applies to energy efficiency improvements in existing homes and towards the purchase of high-efficiency heating, cooling and water-heating equipment. There are also tax credits for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, windmills and fuel cells at 30 percent of the cost. Energy saving home improvements not only lowers your energy bill but can also save you valuable tax dollars!

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#### Ask the Energy Guru

##### Featured Question:

**Q:** Is there a program for the public buildings in my community to help identify ways to save money for the residents in our town?

**A:** Yes! The [Local Government Energy Audit](#) is available and features significant

## Program News

### Discounted Energy Audits Now Available to Homeowners

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program has announced a new discounted offer that will be of interest to all New Jersey residents. For just \$125, a BPI-certified auditor will perform an energy audit of your home, and you may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 worth of air sealing services at no cost to you. A listing of [certified contractors](#) who offer this service is available to you on [njcleanenergy.com](#).

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### New Program Offered to Large Commercial & Industrial Customers

The Pay for Performance Program is a new offering to help building owners reduce their energy consumption. It provides technical services including an Energy Reduction Plan and links incentives to energy savings in a whole-building approach.

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### ENERGY STAR Lighting Online Store

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program is offering discounted compact fluorescents light bulbs (CFLs), lamps, ceiling fans and other lighting fixtures for your home. Visit our online store to check out the great selection and also take advantage of free shipping on all orders over \$25!

[Residential ENERGY STAR Lighting Offer](#)

### Comfort Partners Income Guidelines

More New Jersey families than ever can benefit from the Comfort Partners Program in 2009. The program is available to qualifying households with an income at or below 225% of the federal poverty guidelines. Energy efficient measures can be installed at no cost to help lower utility bills.

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### Lead by Example

All across New Jersey, residents and business owners are looking for ways to save money, energy and the environment. Now municipalities and local government officials can take a leadership role by participating in the Local Government Energy Audit Program offered as part of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program.

The program offers help in identifying cost-justified energy efficiency measures for local government-owned buildings including offices, town halls, police and fire stations, sanitation buildings, transportation structures, schools and community centers.

[Commercial/Industrial](#) | [Local Government Energy Audit](#)

### New Jersey ENERGY STAR/Climate Choice Home Pilot

A limited number of Microload Home projects will be accepted in 2009 under the New Jersey Climate Choice Pilot. This exciting new "near-zero energy" level of performance in a new home is offered as part of the New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes Program. Significant incentives are available for qualifying projects.

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cover the cost of the audit. And the [NJ SmartStart Building Program](#) provides incentives to reduce the cost of the installed energy efficiency upgrades.



Do you have a question you'd like answered?

[Submit Your Question](#)

## Featured Success Story

### Cool Idea Earns Ice Rink NJCEP Leadership Award

Aspen Ice in Randolph uses a third less energy than it did two years ago. Read about this [2008 Clean Energy Project of the Year](#). (PDF)

[Success Stories](#)

## Featured Event

### PSE&G Global Fest

**Date:** April 3-5 2009  
**Location:** Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset NJ

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program is a sponsor of the PSEG Green Fest, the Garden State's premier event for green initiatives. Stop by our booth for energy saving tips and rebate information.

[PSE&G Global Fest](#)

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### **New Jersey's SREC Program on Fast Track to Success**

The SREC-Only Pilot Program saw more solar photovoltaic system capacity installed in 2008, without any rebates, than most other states with rebates combined. Fifty seven projects with over 8 MW of solar capacity were completed in 2008. Through February 2009, a total of seventy eight projects for 12.5 MW have been completed and are contributing SRECs to the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. The Board of Public Utilities in February adopted RPS rule changes to facilitate the SREC-based market oriented approach to solar finance and renamed the program to be called the SREC Registration Process.

### **Renewable Energy | SREC Program**

### **Offshore Wind Program Moves Forward**

A public hearing will be held March 26th in Trenton regarding the BPU proposal on how best to structure an Off Shore Wind set-aside using Off Shore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs).

### **Renewable Energy | Wind Working Group**

### **NJ Considers New Solar Goal and other Amendments:**

Stakeholder meetings are being scheduled to provide input on the Renewable Portfolio Standards amendments to support Governor's Energy Master Plan goals.

### **State of New Jersey | Energy Master Plan**

### **Request for Comments**

The BPU is soliciting public comments on the appropriateness of allowing solar electric generation facilities connected to the New Jersey transmission system to earn/own SRECs.

### **Solar Transition and Interconnection Requirements** (PDF)

## **Also in the News**

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)** was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. President Obama has set clear goals for this bill: creating or protecting 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, while lifting our country out of this economic crisis and reducing our dependence on foreign oil. For more information, please visit: [energy.gov/recovery](http://energy.gov/recovery)

## **We Are Here to Help!**

If you have questions about New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, rebates on energy efficiency appliances or technologies, call our **Customer Care Center** at **866-NJSMART** or submit your question to [info@njcleanenergy.com](mailto:info@njcleanenergy.com).