



WISCONSIN REGULATOR REBATE PROGRAM

2017 Wisconsin Regulator Replacement Rebate Program Guidelines

This program is available on qualified regulators installed on or after January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017 or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first.

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council's (WiPERC) 2017 Wisconsin Regulator Replacement Rebate Program is to encourage the replacement of regulators that are **15 years or older** or are a single stage regulator. The propane marketer may receive a rebate in the sum of \$25.00 per replaced regulator. Please note: First stage regulators in a two-stage system do not qualify.

The application and required safety information must be submitted and approved before the rebate will be distributed.

II. Availability of Funds

- A. This program is funded from rebate monies allotted by the Propane Education & Research Council to the state of Wisconsin.
- B. An amount of funding has been set aside for this program and shall be capped at \$18,000.00. Rebates will be available to participating propane marketers on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- C. Additional funds may be added by vote of the WiPERC Board of Directors and as are available from year to year.

III. Eligibility

- A. **Marketers:** Wisconsin propane marketers who are licensed to operate in Wisconsin and who have completed the attached *Participation Form* are eligible to participate. The participating propane marketer is responsible for documentation that an eligible regulator replacement has been performed and that a safety inspection (*see specific details in Section V, D*) has been completed. Participating propane marketers are responsible for submitting the completed rebate application to the WiPERC for consideration. Checks will be issued directly to the participating propane marketer, not to the customer. **Propane marketers do not need to be a member of the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association to participate in the program.**

IV. Eligible Installations

- A. The installation must take place on real property located within the state of Wisconsin.
- B. Eligible Regulator Replacements:
 - 1. Existing regulator must be 15 years old or older and in service at the time of replacement; or
 - 2. Single stage regulator regardless of age.
- C. Replacement Regulators must be:
 - 1. A new and never previously used LPG regulator, either a second stage in a two-stage system (containing both first and second stage regulators) or a twin stage in a single regulator system. **FIRST STAGE REGULATORS IN A TWO STAGE SYSTEM DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE REBATE.**
 - 2. Installed by a licensed propane professional.
- D. No more than **two** rebates shall be paid per customer address.

- E. Wisconsin licensed propane dealers may apply for up to twenty (20) rebates between the program start date and July 30th of each year. Beginning on August 1st, each propane marketer may apply as many times as he or she desires. In all cases, when the total of allotted rebate funds for that year have been exhausted, all rebates thereafter will be denied for lack of funding. There will be no request carry over from year to year.
- F. All regulator replacements are subject to audit by the WiPERC. Regulators should NOT be sent in with the application.

V. Compliance

- A. WiPERC will approve each application individually. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Any missing data or documentation errors will disqualify the application.

Criteria for rejecting applications are as follows:

1. Replacement date is before January 1, 2017, after December 31, 2017, or funds are depleted.
2. Incomplete application.
3. Incorrect or missing leak checks and/or flow and lock-up numbers.
4. False or misleading information: WiPERC reserves the right to suspend a propane marketer's participation in the program if it determines the applicant submitted false information or otherwise violated the program rules.

An applicant may submit an appeal in writing to the WiPERC Board of Directors within 30 days of notification of rejection. Actions taken by the board with respect to such appeals will be final.

- B. **Application:** requests for rebates must be submitted on forms prescribed by the WiPERC and will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application and documentation can be mailed, hand-delivered, emailed, or faxed.
- C. **Payment:** WiPERC 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 WiPERC to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant. WiPERC will process rebate applications promptly and send checks within 45 days of receipt of application. Payment will be sent to the participating marketer, not the customer.
- D. **Safety Inspection:** a safety inspection must be performed by the participating marketer prior to submission of any application. Submission of an application form constitutes a representation on the part of the participating propane marketer that the work shown on the form has actually been completed.

An appropriate safety inspection of an eligible installation must, at a minimum, include the following:

1. Leak check
2. Flow and lock-up tests

Participating propane marketer agrees to comply with all manufacturer's installation instructions and all applicable LP Gas codes and regulations adopted by the State of Wisconsin. A copy of the propane marketer's safety inspection form must accompany the application or required safety information documented directly on the application, either is acceptable. All safety inspections and/or safety information provided will be reviewed for accuracy. Any information which is not accurate will cause the rebate to be voided and therefore rejected.

- E. **Disclaimer:** The Wisconsin Propane Gas Association and the Wisconsin Propane Education & Research Council, assumes no responsibility whatsoever for the installation, inspection, or testing of the qualifying regulator(s) or any associated gas system and, by issuing a rebate, makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee regarding the qualifying regulator(s) or the associated gas system. The WPGA and WiPERC 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 regulators(s).