

Smart thermostats

Use this fact sheet to quickly reference BC Hydro rebates on smart thermostats for electric heating

From **October 6, 2023 to January 26, 2024**, BC Hydro will be providing discounts on select smart thermostats for electric heating purchased at participating retailers. The products that qualify for BC Hydro rebates are the most energy efficient models on the market to help customers make smart energy choices. Visit www.bchydro.com/deals on **October 6** for a complete list of eligible products.

Discount offer: Save **\$25** on select smart thermostats or save **\$100** on purchases of 3 or more smart thermostats.

Eligible smart thermostat criteria:

- Must be CSA cybersecurity certified smart communicating thermostat
- For 120/240 line voltage heating (electric baseboards)
- Purchased at a participating retailer (Best Buy, Costco, The Home Depot, Maysa, or Sinope)
- **Max 5 units per SKU per customer transaction**
- Excludes supporting devices, mechanical and non-programmable thermostats

3 TIPS FOR BUYING A SMART THERMOSTAT FOR ELECTRIC HEATING

1. Understand your needs and preferences

Do you want to be able to control your heating from your phone, view and manage the electricity use of your baseboard heaters or control multiple electric heaters from a single device? A smart thermostat may be the best choice.

2. Consider the compatibility of your existing electric heating controls, baseboards and wiring

Multiple baseboard heaters can be controlled by a single wall thermostat. This may be a good option for larger areas with multiple baseboard heaters like a main living room. An electrician can either physically wire the baseboards to a single wall control or replace the baseboard heaters with units that can connect wirelessly to a compatible wall thermostat.

3. Compatibility of the new thermostat

The replacement thermostat selected should be capable of controlling electric heating. Often referred to as "line voltage", "high voltage" or 120/240V heaters. Many thermostats are not designed for controlling electric baseboards and other electric heaters. If it doesn't specify electric heating on the box, it may not be compatible. In addition, special types of electric heating, such as in-floor heating, need a particular type of thermostat designed for this heating type.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SMART ENERGY CHOICES

There's more than one way to be power smart. To learn more about low-cost to no-cost ways to save energy, earn rewards, and find discounts on energy-efficient products, scan the QR code or visit www.bchydro.com/save.

