



Stimulus Tax Credit up to \$1,500

On February 17th, President Obama signed the \$789 billion economic stimulus bill that included tax credit incentives for homeowners who make energy-efficient improvements. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 modifies and extends federal tax credits for windows and doors that improve energy efficiency. To be eligible, windows and doors must have a U-Factor equal to or less than 0.30 and a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) equal to or less than 0.30. Homeowners can now claim a 30% federal tax credit (Up to \$1,500 on the homeowner's primary residence). Find an easy to read list of qualifying Polaris products at www.polaristechnologies.com.

A quick summary of the new program starting April 20th:



Windows qualify for tax credit at no additional charge

- Double Hung with SB60 surface 2 meets code with no price increase (EnergySmart Supreme²).
- Sliders with SB60 surface 2 meets code with no price increase (EnergySmart Supreme²).
- Casement Windows with SB60 surface 2 meet code with no price increase (EnergySmart Supreme²).
- Picture window meets code with SB60 surface 2 with grids with no price increase (EnergySmart Supreme²).
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- Vinyl Patio Doors will meet the new codes with SB70 glass on surface two (EnergySmart XL), but there will be an up-charge of \$190.00 list per door for the SB70 glass. Units with SB60 on surface 2 with grids will meet the new code with no price increase.



Federal Tax Credit for Polaris Windows

How to qualify for the Federal Tax Credit:

1. Purchase qualifying Polaris Technologies windows (UltraWeld, DynaTech, ThermalWeld, and ValuSmart) or doors (Ultra Steel and Ultra Fiberglass Doors). The windows or doors must have both a U-Factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.30 or lower to qualify. Find an easy to read list of qualifying Polaris products at www.polaristechnologies.com.
2. Homeowners must save their receipts for their window and door purchases along with all window labels and stickers (NFRC/Energy Star label shown below) for verification and tax record keeping. Every sticker must be saved from each window and door. Keep these with your tax materials.
3. Purchase and install qualifying products beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 and meet all other requirements outlined in the Federal Tax Code.
4. Claim the tax credit associated with your qualifying purchases on your Federal filing for the 2009 and/or 2010 tax year.

2009/2010 Energy Tax Credit Details:

- Tax credit is for the cost of the product only and does not include installation costs. Be sure to ask for a sales receipt that shows the cost of the product only.
- Tax credit is 30% of the amount paid for the product up to a maximum of \$1,500 combined for 2009 and 2010 (Including other eligible items listed in the IRS Notice).
- This is a new tax credit for 2009 and 2010. The home must be the taxpayer's primary residence.

What is the U-Value and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient:

- **U-Value:** Measures how much heat escapes the home. The lower the number, the more heat is retained inside where it's needed. The U-Values are very important in colder climates.
- **Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC):** Measures how much solar radiation enters the home. The lower the number, the more heat is blocked. The Solar Heat Gain Coefficient is important in warmer climates.

Understanding the window labels:

- This is a sample of the NFRC label that must be saved off of each window and door to get the Federal Tax Credit.
- The label will have the type of window, and the glass configuration.
- The **U-Value** must be 0.30 or lower to qualify for the Federal Tax credit. If this number is above 0.30, you will not get a tax Credit for that window or door.
- The **Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)** must also be 0.30 or lower to Qualify for the Federal Tax Credit. If this number is above 0.30, you will not get a tax Credit for that window or door.

