

Electricity Price Plans and Energy Efficiency Programs for Restaurants and the Food Service Industry

If you own or manage a restaurant, catering company, or other business that prepares meals outside the home, the Ontario government has many programs to help you manage your electricity use and save money.

Customer Choice: Electricity Price Plans

As a small business owner, you have the flexibility to choose the electricity pricing plan that works best for you through one of our [Regulated Price Plans \(RPP\)](#).

If your business uses most of your electricity during off-peak hours (evenings and weekends), and has higher electricity demands, **time-of-use** may be your preferred pricing plan. If your business does a lot of overnight work, you could consider the **ultra-low overnight** price plan.

Tiered pricing, a plan that allows customers pay a lower rate for a certain amount of electricity each month and a higher rate for any electricity used above that amount, is also an option for customers who prefer the flexibility to use electricity at any time of day at the same price.

You can compare different electricity price plans using the Ontario Energy Board bill calculator. For more information, please visit <https://www.oeb.ca/calculator>.

Save on Energy

[Save on Energy](#)'s suite of programs will help you manage your company's energy use and save money with incentives and resources to make your energy efficiency projects more affordable and easier to implement.

The [Small Business Program](#) supports small businesses with 50 employees or fewer by providing up to \$3,000 in incentives for lighting upgrades and up to \$2,500 in incentives for other upgrades, such as motors for refrigeration and smart thermostats, installed at no cost to the business.

The province is also expanding the popular [Peak Perks](#) program with a new program specifically targeted to small businesses, including restaurants. Participants in Peak Perks save with their smart thermostats by participating in brief, time-limited thermostat adjustments during periods of peak electricity demand that can occur on the hottest summer days.

Businesses will receive a financial incentive of \$75 upon initial enrollment in the program and \$20 per year for each eligible smart thermostat connected to a central air conditioning system or heat pump unit.

The [Instant Discounts Program](#) provides instant, point-of-sale discounts to existing commercial, agricultural, industrial, institutional and multi-unit residential buildings and

facilities in Ontario that purchase eligible lighting products from participating distributors or dealers.

The **Retrofit Program** provides support for businesses and institutional customers, including municipalities, hospitals, arenas and schools, to replace equipment such as lighting, HVAC and manufacturing equipment with more energy-efficient models.

Incentives are available for **Demand Control Kitchen Ventilation** to better regulate the temperature of your kitchen, reduce noise levels for your staff and customers, and cut energy costs.

Save on Energy also offers targeted programs in certain parts of the province to help address local electricity system constraints. **BizEnergySaver** provides support for eligible businesses in Ottawa and in the Richview South area of Toronto to make equipment improvements to reduce their energy consumption.

Eligible businesses in York Region can receive free A/C tune-ups for HVAC systems plus exclusive instant discounts on a variety of high efficiency upgrades through **Commercial CoolSaver**, delivered in collaboration with Alectra Utilities.