# No-brainer comfort and cost savings

Your home's heating and cooling needs vary throughout the day. Whether you're out and about, working around the house, or sleeping soundly, a smart thermostat keeps your home feeling comfortable by adjusting the temperature efficiently and seamlessly, all while saving energy. With serious cost savings and easy installation, adding a smart thermostat to your home just makes sense.

# What is a smart thermostat?

A smart thermostat's function is essentially the same as a traditional thermostat—controlling your home's temperature—but with added features that simplify your life and may save you money.

Most smart thermostats can:

- Establish heating and cooling patterns based on your activities
- Let you control your home's temperature remotely
- Track your HVAC usage and provide customized savings suggestions
- Monitor outside temperatures and adjust your home's heating and cooling accordingly

Smart thermostats help you achieve energy and cost savings thanks to advanced technology like precision temperature control, remote temperature monitoring, HVAC usage reporting, and personalized scheduling. Like a little more control? Smart thermostats can be programmed based on your schedules and routines—still delivering the same great savings.

Day to day, your smart thermostat works in the background, saving you money and energy. For example, it optimizes HVAC usage, running less while you're away. Plus, if your smart thermostat has geofencing technology, it detects when you are home and adjusts your thermostat, ensuring that your house is comfortable when you return. Plans changed? No problem—just adjust the smart thermostat remotely.

Once your smart thermostat learns your schedule (or you program it), you can trust it to do the rest. It's the definition of set it and forget it!



# Why a smart thermostat is worth every penny

#### **COST SAVING**

Installing a smart thermostat lets you take advantage of significant savings. While monthly estimates vary by manufacturer, you can generally expect to save 15 percent on cooling costs and 10 percent on heating costs. That adds up!

#### COMFORT

Pair it with a voice assistant (like Google Nest) to change the temp without lifting a finger.

#### SAFETY/HEALTH

Smart thermostats when paired with other smart air quality monitors they can detect pollutants and offer features like ventilation control and pollution alerts.

#### Let's talk about rebates!

We offer a rebate of 50% of the cost up to \$75 for your smart thermostat upgrade for single family homes as a part of our Home Energy Improvement Program. This means you save money in the long run while earning a rebate.

## What are the considerations?

A smart thermostat is a great DIY opportunity that saves you money now and long-term. Not interested in DIY, contact a licensed HVAC contractor for installation.

### **Before You Start**

Check to make sure that the smart thermostat you choose is compatible with your home's HVAC system and wiring. The smart thermostat manufacturer's guide and your HVAC's instruction manual should provide you with everything you need to determine compatibility. If you aren't sure, contact a licensed HVAC professional for assistance.

#### Get started today

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