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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016

## Go Green and Save Green with OUC's Efficiency Delivered

Did you know that OUC can provide up to \$2,000 toward energy efficiency upgrades in your home based on your needs? And we want to make it as easy as possible for you.

An OUC conservation specialist can:

- 1 Determine which improvements will save you the most money
- 2 Provide you with recommendations
- 3 Arrange for a licensed contractor to do the work

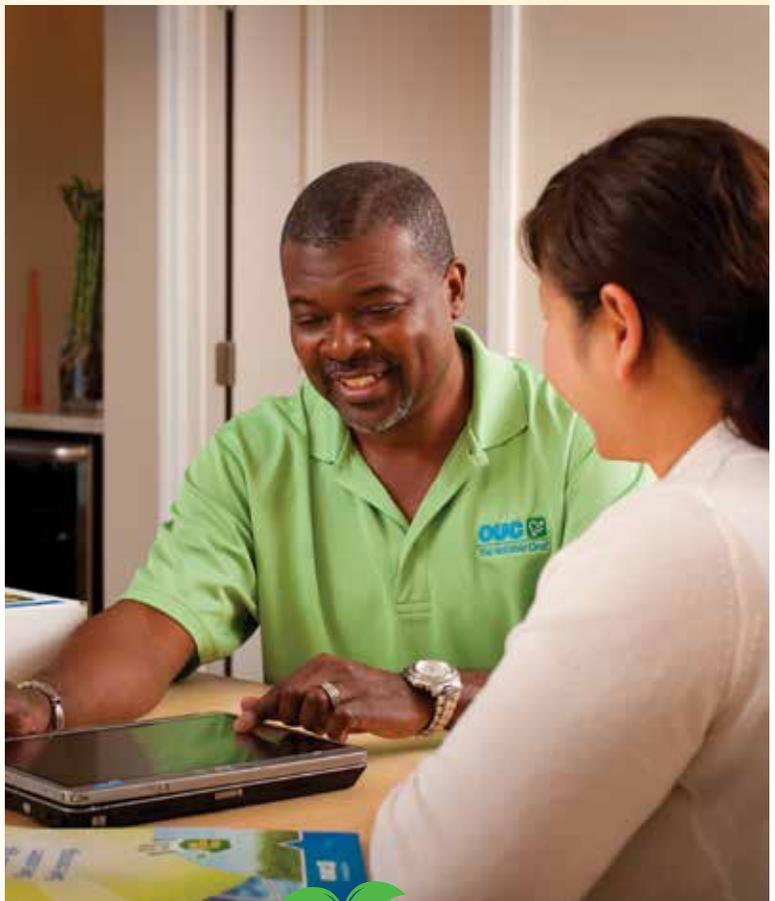
You'll receive professional installation....  
from OUC.

You only pay for your share of the cost for selected improvements. If you qualify, you can even spread your payments up to 12 months interest-free on your utility bill.

Here are some home improvements that may qualify for a rebate:

- Attic insulation
- Caulking and weather stripping
- Window film installation
- Air duct repairs
- Air filter replacement

For more info on Efficiency Delivered from OUC and for other available rebates, visit [www.ouc.com/rebates](http://www.ouc.com/rebates).



*Let us do the work for you!*



**EFFICIENCY<sup>®</sup>  
DELIVERED**

*Energy Efficiency Home Upgrades by OUC*

## OUC Rebates Streamlined

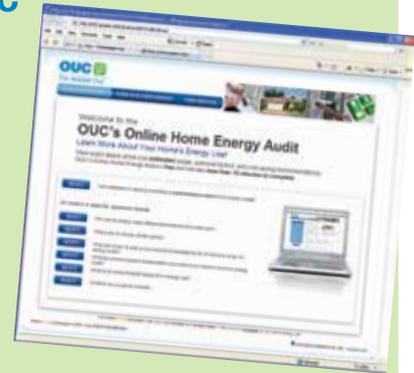
Our rebate process is now easier than ever. Now, you can apply for one of our energy or water rebates directly on our website. You no longer have to worry about paper forms, and you can expect even faster approvals.

Whether you're looking to make a small change—like weather stripping or window tinting—or considering investing in a new air conditioning system or attic insulation, an OUC rebate can help pay for some of the improvement costs. For more, visit [www.ouc.com/rebates](http://www.ouc.com/rebates).



## Audit Your Home Energy Usage Online

OUC offers a free online Home Energy Audit to help you calculate your energy usage and determine where you can make improvements to lower your utility bills. By entering your OUC account number, you'll even receive a report based on your actual consumption history.



To learn more about your home's energy use, visit [www.ouc.com/energyaudit](http://www.ouc.com/energyaudit). OUC even provides a trusted list of professionals to complete energy-saving projects at your home or business. For more on our Preferred Contractor Network, visit [www.ouc.com/PCN](http://www.ouc.com/PCN).

## Earned Income Tax Credit

Tax season is underway, which means you may be able to claim up to \$6,242 in tax refunds thanks to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). If you earned less than \$54,000 in 2015, you may qualify.

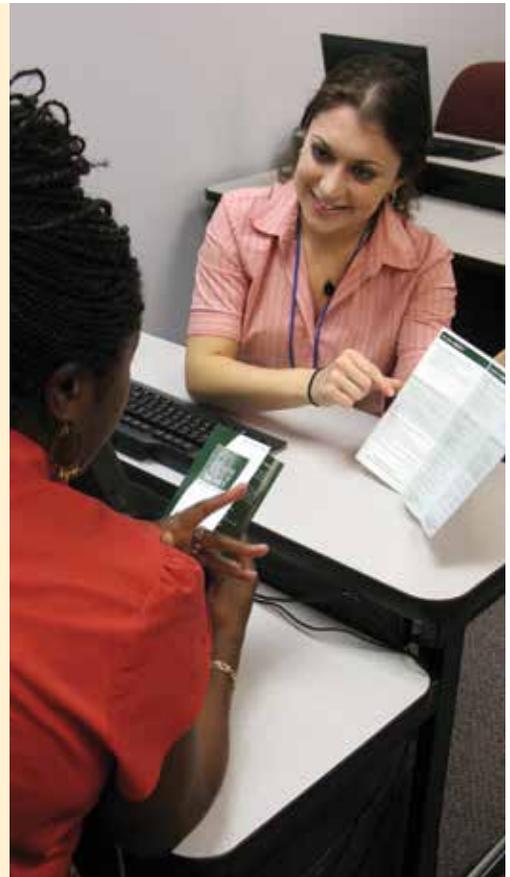
EITC is credited with lifting more children out of poverty than any other federal program. At a time when many families are struggling to make ends meet, EITC dollars can be used to reduce debt, improve job skills, build savings or take other steps to improve financial stability, which is a primary focus for Heart of Florida United Way.

If you did not claim the EITC over the past three years, that could result in more than \$20,000 in tax refunds to you.

To help you claim the credit, United Way has partnered with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to offer free tax preparation for qualified residents. Our 30 VITA sites in Central Florida will help you file your taxes and collect 100 percent of your refund.

Call **2-1-1**, text **898-211** and type **MyMoney** in the message, or visit [HFUW.org](http://HFUW.org) to learn more about EITC eligibility and to find a VITA site near you.

Prefer to file your own taxes online? Visit [MyFreeTaxes.Com](http://MyFreeTaxes.Com) and file for free.



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