



## **Thinking About a Smart Thermostat?**

If you're in the market for a smart thermostat, you're in luck! ComEd is offering \$100 rebates off the purchase of top smart thermostat brands, including models from Allure, American Standard, ecobee, Honeywell, Lennox, Lux, Nest, Radio Thermostat and Trane.

Choosing the right smart thermostat may require a little research. Some models are budget friendly but may not offer the control you want. Others are pricier but include advanced self-learning capabilities that require little-to-no input from you beyond the initial setup phase. Below is a comparison of some consumer top picks. Click here to view ComEd's eligibility requirements and learn how to get your rebate!

Features	ecobee4	Nest	Honeywell Lyric 5
ComEd Rebate	\$100	\$100	\$100
Wi-Fi	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bluetooth	No	Yes	No
Smartphone Compatibility	Android, iOS	Android, iOS	Android, iOS
Multiple Zones	Yes	No	No
Motion Sensor	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Humidity Control</b>	Yes	Yes	No
Vacation Mode	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Features	Alexa is built in.	Connects with more smart devices than any other thermostat on the market.	Budget friendly - ideal for small homes and apartments.
Self-Learning	Keeps tabs on your schedule, local weather, preferences, and more.	Memorizes your preferences to determine your ideal climate.	No (manually set).

## What is a Smart Home?

A "smart home" is a residence with Wi-Fi enabled "smart" gadgets or devices that can be controlled remotely from any location by smartphone or internet. Smart gadgets can include appliances, lighting, outlets, thermostats, TVs, computers, entertainment audio and video systems, security and camera systems.

In recent years, consumers have embraced home automation technology as a necessary enhancement to everyday life. The market was worth \$4.41 billion in 2013 and is predicted to reach \$21.6 billion by 2020.1

Smart devices are typically Wi-Fi enabled with downloadable apps for remote access. You can choose to control your smart devices individually, but the growing trend is toward entire smart home systems that do all the work for you.

Whether you're looking for a broad solution or a single app to control all your smart gadgets, including your thermostat, there are some great choices available. These devices are typically referred to as "smart hubs". The most popular smart hubs include Amazon Echo, Wink, Google Home, and Apple's HomeKit.

There are plenty of ways to learn more about smart devices and smart hubs — here are just a few references to get you started:

The smart home: a glossary guide for the perplexed: T3 the Gadget Website

Smart Home Product Compatibility: <a href="CNET">CNET</a>
Best Smart Home Gadgets 2017: <a href="Tom">Tom"s Guide</a>
The Best Smart Home Devices of 2017: <a href="PC Reviews">PC Reviews</a>

<sup>1</sup> Transparency Market Research