



## American Exteriors Federal Tax Credit Process

Early in 2009, the United States Government enacted The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Part of this economic stimulus plan called for higher standards on window performance and, in return, gave the consumer a tax credit for upgrading to a more energy efficient product.

**Every Window and Patio Door Manufactured by American Exteriors met existing Energy Star requirements and, as of June 1, 2009 meet the more stringent requirements for this tax credit.** (See Manufacturer Certification Letter for Details) In order to take advantage of this tax credit, you will need to follow some specific steps noted below:

- 1) From Your Existing Contract Calculate the Eligible Credit Amount
  - a. Find the total amount of your contract: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Find the number of windows you purchased: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Calculate your window installation costs (\$140.00 per window) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Find the number of patio doors you purchased: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Calculate your door installation costs (\$250.00 per door) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Deduct the installation costs from your contract amount to get your total amount available for your tax credit (a – c – e) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2) Download the Manufacturer's Certification Statement from American Exteriors by going to <http://amext.com/taxcredits.asp> and click on the link for the "Manufacturer's Certification Letter for Tax Credit"
  
- 3) Complete the IRS tax credit form 5695 and submit it with your 2009 tax return (by April 15, 2010).

Remember that American Exteriors is not a qualified tax advisor and does not give tax advice. Please consult with your own qualified tax advisor to confirm the tax credits you may qualify for and be sure to visit [www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits) for more information.