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## 2009 Roofing Tax Credits

*Homeowners could receive up to \$500 in credits for energy efficient roofing*

**Seymour, Indiana, Friday, February 6, 2009:** It's tax time and you could get your roof fixed this year and qualify for a tax credit on your income tax return next year! If you are considering the possibility of installing new asphalt or metal roofing, be sure to check out Energy Star qualified materials.

Royalty Roofing, of Seymour, is your certified Energy Star roofing provider in Jackson County and Southern Indiana.

According to Royalty Companies of Indiana, Inc. owner and President Andy Royalty, residents purchasing new roofing material could qualify for a tax credit.

"If you choose certain Energy Star materials, you'll be able to take advantage of the 2009 U.S. federal tax credits that have been set up to offer you an incentive and some financial support for making this important energy-saving home improvement," Royalty said.

Royalty said any metal or asphalt roofing material that has appropriate pigmented coatings specifically and primarily designed to reduce the heat gain of a dwelling unit when installed on the dwelling is eligible for the tax credit.

The material must meet or exceed Energy Star program requirements in effect at the time of installation. The material must be expected to last 5 years or have a 2-year warranty.

"The amount of the federal tax credit could be 10 percent of the material cost or up to \$500," said Royalty. He also noted installation costs were not included.

The material must be placed into service between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009 and a Manufacturer's Certification (a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product qualifies for the tax credit), which is often available from the manufacturer's Web site, should be kept in your records along with your receipt.

When filing, submit IRS Tax Form 5695 (version 2009), which may not be available on the IRS site until late 2009 or early 2010. Also, check with your tax preparer or accountant to better understand these tax incentives.

For more information about energy saving roofing options, please call 812.523.8392 or log on to [www.royaltycompanies.com](http://www.royaltycompanies.com)

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