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Aboriginal Species at Risk Program

<http://www.victoews.com/assets/aboriginal%20species%20at%20risk%20program.pdf>

The Aboriginal Species at Risk Program was established in 2004-2005 as an important element of the implementation of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). The protection of species at risk in Canada depends upon a meaningful collaboration with Aboriginal people and organizations in the implementation of programs under the *Species at Risk Act*. The Act recognizes the role that Aboriginal people play in wildlife conservation and requires that Aboriginal traditional knowledge be considered when assessments of which species are at risk are carried out and when protection and recovery measures are developed and implemented. Two funds are part of the Aboriginal Species at Risk Program: the Aboriginal Capacity Building Fund (ACBF) and the Aboriginal Critical Habitat Protection Fund (ACHPF).

Objective

Aboriginal Capacity Building Fund

The ACBF is designed to help Aboriginal organizations and communities across Canada build capacity to enable them to participate actively in the conservation and recovery of species protected under SARA and species at risk designated by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). The ACBF enables Aboriginal organizations and communities to acquire, develop, and use knowledge and skills so that they can play an active role in the implementation of the Species at Risk Act. Capacity building includes skill development (education, training, learning), tool development (systems or mechanisms), and information management (data).

- Developing core capacity in communities affected by SARA to address SARA-related issues through their own programs;
- Increasing support for Aboriginal involvement in planning for the recovery and conservation of the highest priority species (species protected under SARA and species at risk designated by COSEWIC) and in federal programs (such as participating in the listing and recovery of species at risk); and
- Supporting capacity development to allow communities to respond to SARA initiatives in becoming involved in the range of *Species at Risk Activities*, including stewardship, training, outreach, dialogue with community members and landholders, and collecting and managing species at risk-related information.

Aboriginal Critical Habitat Protection Fund

http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/support/asrp_paep/default_e.cfm

The objective of the ACHPF is to protect and recover the critical habitat of species at risk on Aboriginal lands. First priority is given to species protected under SARA (SARA Schedule 1 species); second priority is given to species at risk designated by COSEWIC (Endangered and Threatened species). Under the Species at Risk Act, critical habitat is defined as the habitat that is necessary for the survival or recovery of a listed wildlife species and that is identified as the species' critical habitat in a recovery strategy or in an action plan.

Examples of activities eligible for funding under the ACHPF:

- Activities which build capacity within communities to address SARA-related issues, in particular, issues relating to critical habitats or important habitats, through programs already managed by Aboriginal organizations (such as land or community planning or economic development);
- Initiatives to support activities within communities related to the conservation of the habitats of species at risk; and
- Activities which support the collection or inventory of biodiversity data, including data management, to increase knowledge of species at risk and support the identification and protection of critical habitat.

Who is Eligible?

Communities and organizations actively involved in the management of Aboriginal lands are eligible for funding, including:

- Indian Bands / Inuit settlements
- Territorially based Aboriginal groups
- District councils / Chief and council
- Traditional appointed advisory committees
- Aboriginal associations
- Corporations
- Tribal councils
- Partnerships and groups
- School authorities
- Cultural education centres
- Co-operatives
- Boards and commissions and other organizations (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) if mandated by eligible proponents.

How to Apply and Program Contacts

Information on procedures to follow in order to apply to the ACBF and the ACHPF is available through Environment Canada regional offices or by calling Environment Canada's Inquiry Centre at 1-800-668-6767.

The call for proposal submissions takes place in the fall.

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Alternative Heating Loan Program (PEI Only)

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/oee/index.php>

Objective

This program aimed to promote the use of energy efficient heating.

Loan Amounts

The PEI Energy Efficiency Loan Program – for Low-income Households

Provides financing for the implementation of the eligible upgrades – excluding doors and windows – identified in the PEI Energy Efficiency Upgrade List. Clients are eligible for interest-free financing to a maximum of \$10,000 and are also eligible for the PEI Energy Efficiency Loan Relief Program – For Low-income Households. (see <http://www.gov.pe.ca/oee/index.php> for more information)

The PEI Energy Efficiency Loan Program

This program is intended for clients who do not qualify for the PEI Energy Efficiency Loan Program – For Low-income Households but would still like to access financing for the implementation of the eligible upgrades – excluding windows and doors – identified in the PEI Energy Efficiency Upgrade List. Clients are eligible for 6% simple interest financing to a maximum of \$10,000.

Eligible Alternative Heating Systems

- Wood burning appliances that comply with Canadian Standards Association (CSA) codes or have EPA certification;
- Wood pellet burning appliances that comply with CSA codes or have EPA certification;
- Solar air heating systems that comply with CSA codes or have EPA certification;
- Solar water heating systems that comply with CSA codes or have EPA certification;
- Ground or water source heat pump systems that are ENERGY STAR® qualified; and
- Drain water heat recovery systems.

Loans can also cover accessories (e.g., a new chimney) needed to safely operate a new alternative heating system.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be full-time residents of Prince Edward Island.

After April 8, 2010, all applications must be approved by the Office of Energy Efficiency prior to any work commencing

Contact

Office of Energy Efficiency
161 St. Peters Road, PO Box 2000
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Fax: (902) 620-3796

Atlantic Coastal Action Plan

The Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP) is a unique community-based program initiated by Environment Canada in 1991 to help Atlantic Canadians restore and sustain watersheds and adjacent coastal areas. ACAP recognizes that local organizations are the most effective champions to achieve sustainability in their communities. The ACAP family is currently made up of 16 organizations in the four Atlantic provinces. Each one of these non-profit organizations operates independently, but is formally linked under the umbrella of ACAP to represent a force stronger than the individual parts. Environment Canada and the ACAP organizations share the same goals and vision for the environment. Together they achieve much more than any partner could on its own.

Each of the Atlantic Coastal Action Program organizations will be advised of their funding for 2010-2011

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC): Mortgage Loan Insurance Refund (Home purchase/construction).

http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/moloin/moloin_008.cfm

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency, committed to helping Canadians access a wide choice of quality, affordable homes, while making vibrant, healthy communities and cities a reality across the country. CMHC works to enhance Canada's housing finance options, assist Canadians who cannot afford housing in the private market, improve building standards and housing construction, and provide policymakers with the information and analysis they need to sustain a vibrant housing market in Canada.

Eligibility

- For homebuyers/homeowners, the refund and extended amortization are available:
- When a house meets the requirements of a CMHC-Eligible Energy-Efficient Building program;
- When a house has an energy rating of 77 or above, as determined through an NRCan residential energy assessment;
- When a house with an energy rating of less than 77 is renovated to increase the rating by at least five points and to a rating of at least 40; or
- When, for a highrise condominium unit, the building is constructed to be 25% more energy efficient than the Model National Energy Code for Buildings (MNECB) (in which case a letter attesting to this must be obtained from Natural Resources Canada or the project engineer).

Procedure

If You're Thinking of Buying or Building an Energy-Efficient Home

Step 1: Find out how energy-efficient your house is

If the home you're considering buying meets one of the following four (4) requirements, you could be eligible for a 10% mortgage loan insurance premium refund and extended amortization without surcharge when you use CMHC insured financing to purchase that house or condominium unit.

Step 2: If required, boost your energy efficiency

If the house you plan to buy has an energy rating below 80*, to be eligible for a refund, you will need to obtain an [energy assessment](#) through an NRCan qualified energy advisor and renovate using part of the CMHC insured funds based on your energy advisor's list of recommendations in order to increase your score by at least 5 points and to a minimum overall rating of 40.

Step 3: Discuss and arrange a CMHC-insured mortgage

Talk to your lender and ask for a CMHC insured mortgage.

Step 4: Confirm the improvement

After you make the renovations recommended by your energy advisor, you will need to have a second assessment done to determine the energy-saving effectiveness of the renovations. To be eligible for the 10% premium refund, the second rating must show that the house has achieved an increase of 5 points to a minimum overall rating of 40.

Step 5: Apply for your Premium Refund

1. [Apply online](#) for your premium refund.

OR

2. Complete [the PDF version of the application form](#) and send it to CMHC, along with the supporting documentation by fax at 1-800-245-9274, or by mail at 700 Montreal Road, Suite 1000, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7. **NOTE:** You can choose to complete the PDF form electronically or by hand. In both cases, you will have to print it and sign it.

If You Own a Home and are Thinking of Renovating to Make your Home More Energy-Efficient

Step 1: Obtain an energy rating for your home

If you plan to use CMHC insured financing to make energy-saving renovations, a 10% mortgage loan insurance premium refund may be available.

Contact an NRCan qualified energy advisor to obtain the current energy rating for your home. You will receive a list of straightforward recommendations to increase your energy rating.

Step 2: Discuss CMHC insured refinancing

Talk to your lender or your financial institution about which options are available to you.

Step 3: Improve your rating

Using your energy advisor's recommendations, renovate or upgrade to increase your energy rating using CMHC insured funds. You'll be amazed at the difference a more efficient furnace, better insulation or simple draft-proofing can make. Not only will you be reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but you'll also see welcome reductions in your monthly utility expenses.

Step 4: Confirm the improvement

Your energy advisor will assess your home again after the energy-saving renovations are finished. If this test shows that the house's energy rating has improved by at least 5 points and has achieved an overall rating of at least 40, the 10% premium refund may be available.

Step 5: CMHC 10% Premium Refund

Download and print the form:

<http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/moloin/upload/Energy-efficient-Premium-Refund-Form.pdf>

Contact

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Citizens Bank of Canada Clean Air Auto Loan

<https://www.citizensbank.ca/Personal/Products/LoansLinesofCredit/CleanAirAutoLoan/>

Clean Air Auto Loan is a personal loan for up to \$35,000 with a fantastic rate as low as Prime. The low rate could save you up to \$3,000 in interest over five years, and at the same time you contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Applicant Eligibility

Members and non-members can apply for a Citizens Bank loan. When completing the application, non-members will be asked to provide additional information, and will be presented with a membership agreement for approval upon completion. (Citizens Bank membership is not currently available to residents in the province of Quebec.)

Vehicle Eligibility

Make and Model	Loan interest rate**
Tier 1	
Honda Civic Hybrid	
Smart Fortwo	Prime +1%
Toyota Prius	
Tier 2	
Ford Escape Hybrid	
Ford Focus	
Honda Fit	
Hyundai Accent	
Hyundai Elantra	
Kia Rio	
Mini Cooper	
Nissan Altima Hybrid	Prime +2%
Nissan Versa	
Pontiac Vibe	
Saturn Vue Hybrid	
Toyota Camry Hybrid	
Toyota Corolla	
Toyota Corolla Matrix	
Toyota Yaris	
(All variations of the models are included)	

Contact: 1-888-708-7800

City of Calgary Rebates for Green Homes

<http://showmethegreen.ca/home/home-purchase/city-of-calgary-rebates-for-green-homes/>

Overview

Homebuilders who achieve Built Green certification are eligible for a partial rebate on the cost of the building permit for the home. The value of the rebate depends on the level of certification achieved. There are three categories of eligibility.

Categories

- 30% rebate for Built Green Gold Certification
- 20% rebate for Built Green Silver Certification
- 10% rebate for Built Green Bronze Certification.

Additional information is available through:

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City of Calgary Subsidized Composters

http://www.calgary.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_395_203_0_47/http%3B/content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Waste+and+Recycling+Services/Recycling+Information/Residential+Services/Organics+Recycling/Subsidized+Backyard+Composter+Sale.htm

Overview

The City of Calgary, in partnership with the Clean Calgary Association, sells backyard composters at a subsidized price of \$25 including tax.

Contact

Composters can be purchased at the Clean Calgary Association, 809 – 4th Avenue SW.

Call 403-230-1443 ext. 222 for availability.

Composters can also be purchased on-line.

They can be picked up at the Clean Calgary Association or delivered for an extra charge of \$12.25 plus tax.

City of Hamilton Subsidized Composters

<http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/WasteManagement/ProgramsAndServices/BackyardComposting/GettingStarted.htm>

Overview

The City of Hamilton sells backyard composters at a subsidized price of \$38.75 plus tax.

Contact

Composters can be purchased from Municipal Service Centres (the former town halls), open Monday to Friday between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. A list of Service Centres is provided on the Web site.

Telephone: 905-546-CITY (2489).

City of Toronto high-efficiency clothes washer rebate

<http://showmethegreen.ca/home/washersdryers/city-of-toronto-high-efficiency-clothes-washer-rebate/>

Overview

The City of Toronto offers residents a \$60 rebate when they buy a qualifying new high-efficiency washer. The rebate is limited to residents of buildings with no more than six residential units, and qualifying new washers must have been purchased from a participating retailer on or after January 1, 2003. Rebate recipients will also receive five \$4 coupons redeemable towards the purchase of 32 load bottles of Tide HE (high efficiency) detergent.

Eligibility

Applicants must own or rent residential property in the City of Toronto

Contact

Toronto Water

Water Efficiency Program
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Toronto, Ontario M1B 3G4

Telephone: 416-392-7000

Email: savewater@toronto.ca

Form: http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/washer/pdf/rebate_application_form.pdf

Community Action Programs for the Environment (CAPE) Fund

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=DBDD9E3B-1>

About:

CAPE projects ultimately help Canadians to make better environmental choices and to adopt environmentally friendly behaviours. Successfully funded projects use a variety of approaches to reach their environmental goals including campaigns to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, local watershed projects, programs involving youth and educators, conservation projects to protect species at risk, campaigns to protect against invasive alien species, and projects on Aboriginal lands.

Eligibility:

Eligible recipients may include:

- Environmental groups,
- Community groups,
- Service clubs,
- Professional associations,
- Educational institutions,
- Youth and seniors organizations,
- Charitable and volunteer organizations,
- Municipalities,
- Conservation authorities

For specific information on eligibility criteria, deadlines and available funding, visit the CAPE website at: www.ec.gc.ca/pace-cape

Contact:

Telephone: 1-800-668-6767

Email: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Cool Savings Rebate - Ontario Power Authority

<http://everykilowattcounts.ca/residential/coolingsavings/>

Overview

When you replace your heating and/or cooling system with more efficient models, you could be qualify for up to \$550 in Ontario Power Authority rebates.

Available Rebates

- \$25 rebate when you purchase and have a programmable thermostat installed by a program registered contractor.
- \$125 rebate when you have an existing furnace replaced with the purchase and installation of a mid or high-efficiency furnace with an Electrically Commutated Motor (ECM). This includes all gas, propane, oil and electric furnaces, as well as air handlers included on the ECM eligibility list.
- \$250 rebate when you have an existing central air conditioner system replaced with the purchase of an ENERGY STAR® qualified central air conditioning system, heat pump or ductless split system (NOTE: ENERGY STAR qualified criteria = minimum 14 SEER and 11.5 EER);
- \$400 rebate when you have an existing central air conditioner replaced with the purchase of a stand-alone "Tier 2" level central air conditioning system (CAC) (NOTE: Tier 2 criteria = minimum 15 SEER and 12.5 EER).

Eligibility

- Resident of Ontario
- Already has a CAC system or furnace installed
- Purchased the system and had it installed by a program registered contractor between April 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

Contact

Ontario Power Authority
Suite 1600
120 Adelaide Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Toll Free: 1-877-797-9473

Drive Clean emissions test exemption (Ontario)

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/air/driveclean/index-intro.php>

Overview

Ontario's Drive Clean program helps Ontarians make smart choices about the way we maintain and drive our vehicles. Driving clean through proper vehicle maintenance can save on fuel consumption and prolong the life of your vehicle. But more importantly, you will be doing the right thing for the air we breathe

Gasoline–electric hybrid vehicles are exempt from Ontario's mandatory vehicle emissions testing program, Drive Clean. The Drive Clean test, which is a requirement every two years beginning in the fifth calendar year after the model year for vehicles weighing 4,500 kg or less, normally costs \$35.

Eligibility

Beginning May 1, 2005, the exemption is automatic. Owners of hybrid vehicles tested before this date will be contacted by the Drive Clean office and have their test fees refunded.

Contact

Phone: 888-758-2999.

EcoAction Community Funding Program

http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/intro_e.html

Objective

Since 1995, Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program has provided financial support to community groups for projects that have measurable, positive impacts on the environment. Funding support can be requested for projects that have an action focus, a community capacity building focus, or a combination of both objectives.

In keeping with major Environment Canada and Government of Canada environmental priorities, EcoAction supports projects that address the following themes:

- *Clean Air* - reducing air emissions that contribute to smog and air toxics issues;
- *Clean Water* - projects focusing on the diversion and reduction of substances that negatively affect water quality (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, household hazardous wastes, etc.) and on the conservation of water resources;
- *Climate Change* - reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that contribute to climate change; and,
- *Nature* - protecting wildlife and plants, and protecting and improving the habitat where they live (e.g., grasslands, rivers, forests, etc.)

At this time, funding priority may be given to eligible projects that address Clean Air and Climate Change issues.

Eligibility

Non-profit groups are eligible to apply to the program. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Community groups
- environmental groups
- Aboriginal groups
- First Nations councils
- Service clubs
- Associations
- Youth and seniors organizations

* Private sector organizations, educational institutions, and municipal, provincial/territorial and federal governments are not eligible applicants, but are encouraged to partner with non-profit organizations.

Review

The deadline for submission is November 1st of each year. The maximum amount available per project is \$100,000. Applicants must ensure that at least 50 percent of the total value of their project comes from sources other than the federal government.

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ecoENERGY Retrofit Incentive for Buildings Works

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/commercial/financial-assistance/existing/implementation.cfm?attr=20>

Available Funding

- \$10 per gigajoule (GJ) of estimated annual energy savings
- 25 percent of eligible project costs (whichever is lower)
- Up to \$50,000 per project

Eligible Applicants

Organizations that own, manage or lease the following types of buildings can apply:

- Commercial and institutional buildings, including those owned by not-for-profit and religious organizations
- Provincial, territorial and municipal buildings
- Federal government buildings that are under a long term (5 years or more) lease by non-federal organizations
- Multi-unit residential buildings (with a common entrance and at least four storeys or a footprint of 600 square metres or more)
- Mixed-use commercial/residential buildings

Buildings must have been occupied for the last three years for a similar purpose. You can include multiple buildings in one project, but each must have an area no greater than 20 000 square metres (215 279 square feet). The organization must pay for the retrofit measures and be able to provide utility bills.

Examples of Eligible Measures

Most energy-saving measures such as:

- Efficient lighting
- Building envelope
- Motors
- Controls
- Heating
- Ventilating
- Air conditioning systems may be eligible.

Costs associated with the pre-project energy audit or other pre-project work are not eligible.

The final decision on eligible costs and savings is at our discretion. If you do not meet all the eligibility and technical requirements or if you do not complete the Application Form correctly, we may reject your proposal or reduce the possible

funding amount. If the number of proposals exceeds the available funding, we may approve proposals on a first-come first-served basis. If we cannot approve your proposal, you can apply again at a later date.

Examples of Mandatory Requirements

- This must be a NEW project; it is important that you do not incur any costs related to this project before you receive a signed Contribution Agreement.
- You will require a pre-project energy audit of your buildings at your own expense before applying.
- Your projected payback must be at least one year, taking into account all related incentives from all sources.
- You must complete your project within 12 months after the Government of Canada signs your Contribution Agreement. (18 month in the three northern territories)
- You must complete all grey boxes in the Application Form, and then submit all required documents; some electronically and others on paper.

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- As demand for this program has been less than expected, the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Small and Medium Organizations program will finish March 31, 2011.
- The program is still accepting applications, projects continue to be approved, and no existing agreements will be affected.
- Applications for this program will continue to be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until March 31, 2011, or until all funds are allocated, whichever comes first.
- After NRCan has signed the Contribution Agreement, you will have a specified amount of time to complete your project as indicated in clause 4.2 of the contribution agreement. We will not approve requests for project extensions after March 31, 2011.

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ecoENERGY Retrofit Incentive for Industry

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/financial-assistance/retrofit/index.cfm>

Objective:

The ecoENERGY Retrofit program is designed to help industrial facilities overcome financial barriers to improving the energy efficiency of their operations.

This program will help companies:

- Implement retrofit projects that generate annual energy savings and pay for themselves through reduced expenditures on utilities, such as energy, water and waste
- Establish a baseline against which to compare future improvements
- Help kick-start their energy management strategy

Funding:

The maximum incentive per application is 25 percent of project costs or \$50,000, whichever is less. The incentive will be calculated on a project basis after taking into account funding from other sources and will be the lowest of the following amounts:

- \$10 per gigajoule (GJ) of energy estimated to be saved by a retrofit project per year
= estimated annual GJ of energy saved × \$10
- 25 percent of the total eligible project costs (including GST, HST and PST net of tax rebate and other incentives)
= 25% × [total project cost – other incentives]
- The amount required to reduce the net simple payback period for each project to no less than one year
= dollars of annual energy savings × (net payback period in years – 1 year)

Eligible Project Criteria:

NOTE: To be eligible for an incentive, companies must be approved for funding by NRCan and a Contribution Agreement must be signed by both NRCan and the company before starting the energy retrofit. Costs or expenses incurred or

paid by your company before this signed-off funding approval are the sole responsibility of your company and no liability exists on the part of NRCan. To be eligible for an incentive, companies must apply to NRCan for funding before incurring any costs related to the project. To be eligible for funding, a retrofit project must:

- Involve capital expenditures that modifies or upgrades an existing building, equipment/systems or process.
- Result in a measurable and verifiable reduction of energy use
- Have a net simple payback period of more than one year

All energy figures must be provided in gigajoules. To convert various sources of energy, such as kilowatt hours of electricity or cubic meters of natural gas, you can use NRCan's Gigajoule and Energy Conversion Calculator.

Facilities that are eligible for retrofit assistance must demonstrate the technical and financial feasibility of their projects in their applications.

How to Apply:

Submit an electronic request to NRCan to obtain the ecoENERGY Retrofit Incentive application. Once your request has been received, NRCan will send the package to the e-mail address you have provided. To receive it by fax, call NRCan at 613-996-6780.

NOTE:

As demand for this program has been less than expected, the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Small and Medium Organizations program will finish March 31, 2011.

The program is still accepting applications, projects continue to be approved, and no existing agreements will be affected.

Applications for this program will continue to be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until March 31, 2011, or until all funds are allocated, whichever comes first.

Information on available funds remaining under the program will be regularly updated on the Web site.

ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/retrofit-summary.cfm>

Important Notice

Effective March 31, 2010, the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program is no longer accepting bookings for pre-retrofit evaluations. The program will continue to be administered until March 31, 2011. If you have already booked an appointment for a pre-retrofit evaluation, have completed an evaluation or applied for re-entry to the program, you remain eligible to apply for a grant.

Objective

ecoENERGY Retrofit for Homes provides home and property owners with grants of up to \$5,000 to offset the cost of making energy-efficiency improvements. ecoENERGY Retrofit grants apply to a host of measures that reduce energy consumption and provide for a cleaner environment, from increasing insulation to upgrading a furnace.

Eligibility

- Only homes that have undergone a residential energy efficiency assessment by an energy advisor licensed by Natural Resources Canada will be eligible for grants. You can only apply once per property
- Detached homes, row housing, duplexes, triplexes and mobile homes on permanent foundations and some small apartment buildings of three storeys or less may qualify for ecoENERGY Retrofit for Homes grants.
- **You can apply for a grant for a property that you own and live in or rent out.** This includes detached, semi-detached and row houses and low-rise residential buildings of three storeys or less (with a footprint of less than 600 square metres), as well as mobile homes on a permanent foundation.
- **Grants are available for work done within a specific time frame**, so it is important to talk to your local service organization about the eligibility of your house as soon as you are ready to plan and undertake your energy efficiency retrofits. You have 18 months from the date of your pre-retrofit evaluation to complete the work and qualify for a grant.
- **Homeowners must carry out specific improvements in order to qualify for a grant.** NRCan-licensed energy advisors will be able to tell

you which retrofits have the greatest impact on your home's efficiency.
The greater the improvement, the more the grant will be.

The ecoENERGY Retrofit grant is based on the type and number of energy improvements that have been made, and how much the efficiency of the home has been improved. The grant is based on how effective that upgrade is in saving energy, not on the cost of the upgrade.

Grant Amount

The maximum grant one can receive per home or multi-unit residential building is \$5,000; whereas the total grant amount available to one individual or entity for eligible properties over the life of the program is \$500,000.

General inquiries:

Toll Free: 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)
TTY: 1-800-926-9105

Ecological Gifts Program (EGP)

<http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/egp-pde/Default.asp?lang=En&n=522AB5A3-1>

Overview

The Ecological Gifts Program (EGP) provides a way for Canadians with ecologically-sensitive land to protect natural areas and leave a legacy for future generations. Since 1995, donations of ecologically-sensitive land, or easements, covenants and servitudes on such land have been eligible for special tax assistance. Ecological gifts (donation of land or an interest in land) can be made to environmental charities approved by Environment Canada, as well as to any level of government in Canada. Under the EGP, Environment Canada certifies the land is ecologically sensitive, approves the recipient, and certifies the fair market value of the gift. In addition to the charitable donations tax credit (for individuals) and the charitable donations deduction (for corporations), donations made on or after May 2, 2006 and certified under the Ecological Gifts Program will no longer be subject to tax on any capital gains accruing in respect of the property.

Benefits

The Income Tax Act provides favourable income tax treatment for gifts of ecologically sensitive land and interests in ecologically sensitive land. This favourable treatment includes the provision of a tax credit or deduction to donors and a reduction in the taxable capital gain realized on the disposition of the property. Corporate donors may deduct the amount of their gift directly from their taxable income, while the value of an individual's gift is converted to a non-refundable tax credit. Any unused portion of the credit or deduction may be carried forward for up to five years, and 0 percent of the capital gain is taxed instead of the usual 50 per cent.

Donors are strongly advised to obtain independent tax advice when considering making an ecogift, to ensure that all tax implications are clearly understood.

Eligible Recipients

There are more than 190 eligible recipients across Canada, including land trusts and nature conservation groups. Other charities may request approval by writing to the Ecological Gifts Program National Secretariat and proving that they have registered charity status and that their purposes include "the conservation and protection of Canada's environmental heritage." For more information on how to become an approved environmental charity, read the relevant section in The Canadian Ecological Gifts Program Handbook 2005.

Recipients of ecogifts are responsible for maintaining the biodiversity and environmental heritage values of the property in perpetuity. They may also help in other ways - such as by providing an initial assessment of the property's ecological sensitivity, arranging for an appraisal of the ecogift's fair market value, and coordinating the necessary applications.

Contact

National Secretariat

Ecological Gifts Program
Canadian Wildlife Service
Environment Canada
351 St. Joseph Blvd.
Gatineau (Hull), Quebec K1A 0H3
Telephone: 1-800-668-6767
Fax: 819-953-3575
Email: pde-egp@ec.gc.ca

Endangered Species Recovery Plan (ESRP)

<http://www.recovery.gc.ca/ESRF/index.cfm?lang=E>

Note: The Endangered Species Recovery Fund is currently under review by Environment Canada, therefore we are unable to initiate the normal Call-for-Proposals process for the 2009 field season. We hope that details about the continuity of the ESRF program can be issued before the end of this year.

Objective

WWF-Canada and the Government of Canada (through Environment Canada) have been cosponsors of and leading contributors to the Endangered Species Recovery Fund since 1988. The ESRF sponsors high-priority research and education projects to assist in the recovery of extirpated, endangered and threatened Canadian species, and to prevent other species from becoming so classified. Funding supports practical, applied work that aims to meet one or more of the following general objectives:

- Preventing species from becoming extirpated or extinct;
- Preventing species from becoming threatened or moving from threatened to endangered status;
- Undertaking recovery programs, where feasible, on a scale necessary to remove species from threatened, endangered or extirpated status;
- 2008 Endangered Species Recovery Fund Page 3
- Program Guidelines and Application Instructions
- Reintroducing extirpated species to Canada, where feasible;
- Improving awareness of the needs of species at risk;
- Engaging citizens in recovery and conservation actions.

Eligible Applicants

- Applicants affiliated with a registered charity or registered non-governmental organization (NGO), such as a university, natural history society, research institute or a non-profit body with a mandate for conservation.
- For-profit organizations are eligible if their primary business is wildlife research or conservation.

Eligible Funding

- Field and laboratory work, including costs for genetic analysis (see page 7 for further guidelines on costs for genetics analysis);
- Costs for travel necessary for the execution of the project;
- Equipment rentals and consumables necessary for execution of the project;

- Analytical work, including computer time;
- Documentation of results, including preparation of reports associated with the project, photographs and/or video footage of research in progress;
- Communications costs, such as those for press releases or public notices in newspapers and magazines;
- Salaries and benefits of professional and technical personnel, project assistants and consultants, other than those of the principal investigator or staff already employed by the sponsoring organization;
- Student stipend to a maximum of \$8,000;
- Funding for postdoctoral students to a maximum of \$8,000.

Ineligible Expenses

- Large capital expenses, such as buildings and vehicles;
- Costs of purchasing or leasing property, including municipal service fees and property taxes;
- Salary and benefits of the principal investigator; travel costs for principal applicant to attend conferences or meetings, salary and benefits of staff already employed by the sponsoring organization;
- Administrative overheads;
- Conference travel costs;
- Rental fees for research facilities or office space. (Where relevant, the sponsoring institution is expected to provide, without charge to the ESRF, research and office space and facilities, and accounting and administrative services. These items can be counted, however, toward matching funds).
- 2008 Endangered Species Recovery Fund Page 7
- Program Guidelines and Application Instructions
- The portion of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on eligible and approved project costs for which the Grantee is entitled to claim an input tax credit or rebate from Revenue Canada.
- Costs incurred or paid prior to or after the ESRF grant period.

Matching funding

The ESRF may contribute up to 50 per cent of the total value of a project. ESRF funds must be matched, either with cash or in-kind contributions. Please note that large and vague matching funds will be scrutinized.

Contact

Endangered Species Recovery Fund
 WWF-Canada
 245 Eglinton Avenue East
 Suite 410
 Toronto, Ontario M4P 3J1 Telephone for courier: (416) 489-8800

Energy Efficient Housing Program

http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/moloin/moloin_008.cfm

Overview

Through the *Energy-Efficient Housing Program*, home buyers purchasing an energy-efficient home or refinancing an existing home to make energy-saving renovations with Genworth-insured mortgages are now eligible to receive a 10 per cent premium refund.

Eligible Energy-Efficient Building Programs

Homes built under the following programs will qualify for the 10 percent premium refund without the requirement for an individual EnerGuide evaluation:

- **Built Green** (TM) Alberta Gold Label Homes (Note: Silver and Bronze label homes require an EnerGuide evaluation indicating a minimum score of 77)
- **EnergyStar** (R) (Ontario)
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/energystar-energuide-r2000.cfm?attr=4>
- **Power Smart** (TM) (Manitoba)
http://www.hydro.mb.ca/saving_with_ps/psmart_overview.shtml
- **R-2000** (National)
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-homes/r-2000/About-r-2000.cfm?attr=4>

For More Information:

Please contact toll free at: 1-800-511-8888

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program For Low-income Households (New Brunswick Only)

<http://app.infoaa.7700.gnb.ca/gnb/Pub/EServices/ListServiceDetails.asp?ServiceID1=19556&ReportType1=All>

Overview

The program is offered by the Department of Family and Community Services (FCS) in partnership with Efficiency New Brunswick. It provides financial assistance to improve the energy efficiency of housing occupied by low income households.

Eligible Applicants

- Homeowners with total household income at or below the applicable income limit established for the area
- Landlords with self-contained units or bed units occupied by tenants with incomes at or below the applicable income limit established for the area

Eligible Properties

- Any residential property considered the principal residence of the occupant(s).
- Properties must meet minimum standards of health and safety as determined by FCS.

Ineligible Properties

- Residential care facilities
- Student housing
- Hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts
- Nursing Homes

Eligible Work

Eligible items include but are not limited to such things as:

- Heating systems
- Air sealing

- Ventilation systems
- Insulation
- Windows

Funds

Assistance for homeowners is in the form of a non-repayable grant contribution and a repayable loan. The maximum grant contribution for homeowners is \$4,500. Additional assistance for homeowners may be available where the property does not meet minimum standards of health and safety.

(Federal/Provincial Repair Program)

Private non-profit groups and housing co-operatives are eligible for the non-repayable grant contribution only. Eligible groups may receive funding up to a maximum of \$5,000 per self-contained unit and \$3,000 per bed unit.

Contacts

Fredericton
1-866-444-8838

Restigouche
1-866-441-4245

Acadian Peninsula
1-866-441-4149

Chaleur
1-866-441-4341

Miramichi
1-866-441-4246

Moncton
1-866-426-5191

Edmundston
1-866-441-4249

Saint John
1-866-441-4340

Environment Canada's Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

http://www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/

Background

The federal government announced a Youth Employment Strategy (YES) in February 1997. Environment Canada participates in the YES through the International Youth Internship Program and the Science Horizons Youth Internship Program. In the past ten years, Environment Canada's Science Horizons Program has helped over 1000 youth across Canada obtain practical work experience in environmental projects in areas such as climate and ecosystem research, wildlife research and management, ecological monitoring and assessment and the development of scientific tools such as standards and guidelines of environmental quality.

Environment Canada's Science Horizons Program is a collaborative effort with Canadian universities, the private sector and other non-government organizations which offer promising young scientists and post-secondary graduates hands-on experience working on environmental projects under the mentorship and coaching of experienced scientists and program managers.

Requirements

- Have graduated from a recognized post-secondary academic institution in one of the environmental or related disciplines
- Be out of school (fulltime studies)
- Be unemployed or under-employed young scientists or post-secondary graduates in the sciences who are 30 years of age or under
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada (This includes permanent residents of Canada but does not include 1) those awaiting permanent status, 2) persons with temporary work visas, such as students who have graduated and have temporary work visas)
- Not have participated in Science Horizons or any other federal Youth Employment Strategy program except where (1) the work experience was terminated early due to employer business failure, participant became ill or incompatibility between employer/youth or (2) the component of the Youth Employment Strategy the youth participated under was for summer employment.
- Consent to participate in the assessment of the program and may be required to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Interested youth who meet the criteria can e-mail ([link](#)) or fax their résumé along with a covering letter to the desired Environment Canada offices (see Schedule B). Environment Canada regional managers will provide employers who are

awarded projects with résumés of youth who match the requirements of those projects. Résumés from other regions may be requested in the event that a suitable youth cannot be found within their own area. Only youth being considered for employment in a project will be notified.

Employers

Potential employers should submit an application form electronically, by mail or fax (see schedule A (for application and instruction) for project approval to the desired Environment Canada addresses listed under Schedule B.

Environment Canada will assess the projects against the following criteria:

- The degree of congruence and relevancy of the proposed project activities to the Science Horizons Youth Internship program objectives and the mandate of Environment Canada
- The project must provide meaningful work experience for the youth
- The duration of projects must be from 6 months to 10 months.
- All projects must start on or after June 01 2010 and terminate by March 31, 2010
- The employer must provide a minimum of 30% of the project costs
- A mentor must be identified for each project

Proposals must be received by the appropriate Environment Canada offices no later than April 19, 2010

Funding

A maximum of \$12,000 per placement. Employers must provide a minimum of 30% of the eligible cost of the project. Project costs must be only those costs associated with the Youth's involvement in the project.

Eligible costs:

- Salaries, wages and related expenses of interns such as statutory employee benefits;
- Operating expenses such as travel, training, utilities, materials and supplies, rental of premises, disbursement for research and technical studies.

Contact

SCHEDULE A

Download SCHEDULE A "Employer Application" in Word format

To file applications electronically, click on the link found under each of the organizations listed at http://www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/. A separate application will be required for each desired organization.

SCHEDULE B

ATLANTIC REGION

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program
Environment Canada
45 Alderney Drive, 16th Floor,
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 2N6
FAX: (902) 426-6434

QUEBEC REGION

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program
Environment Canada
Fontaine Building, 11th Floor
200 blvd. Sacré-Cœur,
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0H3
FAX: (819) 953-8924

ONTARIO REGION

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program,
Environment Canada
4905 Dufferin Street,
Toronto, Ontario
M3H 5T4
FAX (416)-739-4691

PRAIRIE AND NORTHERN REGION

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program
Environment Canada
11 Innovation Blvd
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7N 3H5
FAX: (306) 975-6879

PACIFIC AND YUKON REGION

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program
Environment Canada
5421 Robertson Road
RR 1 Delta, BC
V4K 3N2
FAX (604) 946-7022

Environmental Damages Fund

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/default.asp?lang=En&n=C5BAD261-1>

The Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) helps ensure polluters take responsibility for their actions. It gives courts a way to guarantee that the money from pollution penalties and settlements is directly invested to repair the actual harm done by the pollution.

The money in the fund is allocated to local organizations, who often use it as seed money to find partners who contribute additional money and resources. Groups who receive funding must carry out their projects in a technically feasible, scientifically sound and cost-effective way.

Eligible Organizations

- Non-governmental organizations (such as community based environmental groups)
- Universities
- Aboriginal groups
- Provincial, territorial and municipal governments

Project Funding Priorities

Projects that are considered a top priority for funding are those which restore natural resources, preferably in the same area where the pollution occurred. Other types of projects that may be considered for funding include:

- Research and development on environmental damage assessment and restoration
- Education on pollution prevention and the restoration of natural resources

Applications for Environmental Damages Fund projects are reviewed by a team of experts from Environment Canada and other federal departments, such as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada.

Every Kilowatt Counts Conservation Programs (Ontario)

<http://everykilowattcounts.ca/>

Overview

Various coupons are available for Ontario residents when they purchase energy-efficient home lighting products from April 18 to June 15, 2008

Available Programs

Every Kilowatt Counts Power Savings Event – valid until May 22nd:

- \$25 off ENERGY STAR qualified ceiling fans
- \$7 off ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures
- \$8 off heavy-duty timers for above-ground pool and spa pumps
- \$5 off outdoor clotheslines or clothesline umbrella kits
- \$5 off blankets for electric water heaters
- \$4 off ENERGY STAR qualified 'Specialty' CFL light bulbs
- \$4 off reflective window film
- \$0.50/3 pipe wraps for hot water pipes

peaksaver®:

Sign-up and give your local electricity utility permission to cycle down your central air conditioning on sweltering summer days and receive \$25.

The Great Refrigerator Roundup:

Book an appointment and Every Kilowatt Counts will come pick it up free of charge.

Every Kilowatt Counts Summer Sweepstakes:

By reducing your electricity consumption by 10% between the months of July and August, as compared to last summer, you could be eligible to win energy efficient prizes. Grand Prizes include ENERGY STAR Kitchen Packages, ENERGY STAR Laundry Packages, mountain bikes and iPod touches with solar chargers!

Exemption for Material and Equipment Used to Conserve Energy (BC Only)

http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents_library/bulletins/sst_011.pdf

Overview

The province will allow material and equipment used to conserve energy (e.g. alternative energy sources, energy efficient residential furnaces, boilers and heat pumps) to be exempt from the provincial sales tax.

* **Please note:** When the harmonized sales tax (HST) comes into effect on July 1, 2010, current PST exemptions described in this bulletin, including temporary exemptions originally intended to end at a later date, will not apply if HST applies to the transaction. To determine if HST applies to a transaction during the transition period, please see the **HST Transitional Rules**.

Eligible Materials and Equipment

- windpowered generating equipment
- solar photovoltaic collector panels
- solar thermal collector panels
- micro-hydro turbines and generators rated up to 150 kilowatts
- Energy Star qualified furnaces, boilers and heat pumps
- Energy Star qualified windows, doors and skylights
- insulation materials
- storm windows
- storm doors
- weather stripping and caulking material
- window insulating systems consisting of a transparent or translucent film
- separate multi-glazed windows and doors

Contact

Vancouver Phone: 604-660-4524

Toll free in Canada: 877-388-4440

E-mail: CTBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca

Exemption for Non-motorized Two Wheel Bicycles (BC Only)

http://www.livesmartbc.ca/transportation/t_rebates.html

Overview

- BC residents can claim exemption from provincial tax for electric power-assisted two and three wheel cycles and non-motorized adult-sized tricycles, as well as for non-motorized two wheel bicycles.
- If you have questions HST and how it has impacted PST rebates on fuel efficient vehicles, hybrid-electric vehicles and bicycles, please visit [Jobs and the Economy: Facts about the HST](#).

Eligible for Exemption

- Bicycles (non-motorized, two-wheeled) and their repair
- Bicycle parts, bicycle accessories and their installation are all exempt from provincial sales tax (Social Service Tax)
- Tax-exempt parts include most normal bicycle components.
- Tax-exempt accessories include pumps, carriers and other items, but exclude trailers.
- Accessories other than safety equipment are only exempt from tax if installed by the seller at the time the bicycle is sold.
- Safety equipment (lighting including batteries, reflectors, helmets, safety vests and bibs) is exempt regardless of when it is purchased.

Contact

Phone: 604-660-4524

Toll Free: 877-388-4440

Existing Homes Energy Efficiency Upgrades Program (New Brunswick Only)

<http://www.energycynb.ca/enb/1610/Existing-Homes-Energy-Efficiency-Upgrades-Program>

Objective

The program is designed to provide New Brunswick owners of single-family homes with financial assistance to make their houses more energy-efficient in order to conserve energy.

Eligibility

Owners of detached, semi-detached or row houses. (If you received a contribution from the Energy Efficient New Homes Program for your home you do not qualify).

Financial Assistance

- Efficiency NB subsidizes the cost of your ecoENERGY residential energy evaluation by \$400;
- A grant of up to \$2000; or,
- An interest-free loan of up to \$10,000 to eligible New Brunswick homeowners who make energy efficiency upgrades to their home as recommended in their ecoENERGY Initial evaluation report.

Contact

For more information:

Guidelines (Effective November 1, 2009):

http://www.energycynb.ca/cms/uploaded_files/9WITQ45EOB/73/docs/existing-homes-program-guidelines-nov-1st-2009-en.pdf

Or

Toll-free: 1-866-643-8833

Federal Tax Credit for Public Transit

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins360-390/364-eng.html>

Background

You can claim the full amount paid for a public transit passes, or for the cost of passes for multiple transit systems **during the year**. This includes the cost of monthly passes or of longer duration such as an annual pass for travel on public transit.

Claim Eligibility

These passes must permit **unlimited travel within Canada** on:

- local buses;
- streetcars;
- subways;
- commuter trains or buses; or
- local ferries.

You can also claim the cost of:

- Shorter duration passes if:
 - each pass entitles you to unlimited travel for an uninterrupted period of at least 5 days; and
 - you purchase enough of these passes so that you are entitled to unlimited travel for at least 20 days in any 28-day period.
- Electronic payment cards if:
 - the card is used to make at least 32 one-way trips during an uninterrupted period not exceeding 31 days; and
 - the card is issued by a public transit authority that records and provides a receipt for the cost and usage of the card.

Only you or your spouse or common-law partner can claim the cost of transit passes (to the extent that these amounts have not already been claimed) for:

- yourself;
- your [spouse or common-law partner](#); and

- your or your spouse's or common-law partner's children who are under 19 years of age on December 31, 2009.

For more information on how to reduce your fare for cleaner air visit TransitPasses.ca

Further Information

Your transit pass needs to display all of the following information to support your claim:

- an indication that it is a monthly (or longer duration) pass;
- the date or period for which the pass is valid;
- the name of the transit authority or organization issuing the pass;
- the amount paid for the pass; and
- the identity of the rider, either by name or unique identifier.

If the pass does not have all of this information, you will also need to keep receipts, cancelled cheques or credit card statements, along with your pass(es), to support your claim.

We will accept receipts (letters) generated by employers or Employer Pass Program Coordinators for employer transit pass programs. The receipt should note the purpose, exact amount received, date of payment, and name of the payee.

Generally, we do not consider a bank statement a valid receipt. However, if the statement clearly indicates the purpose of the debit (for example, Employee FareCard), we will accept this as support for your claim.

The tax credit for public transit is being administered by the Canada Revenue Agency. If you would like more information on how to claim your tax credit, visit the Canada Revenue Agency Web site.

Fortis PowerSense Energy Efficient Lighting Rebate (British Columbia Only)

http://www.fortisbc.com/powersense/building_new_home.html

Overview

Fortis provides a rebate on the cost of approved energy-efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs. The rebate is 50% of the cost of each bulb to a maximum of \$5 per bulb. A rebate claim must be for at least \$5.

* This program is not available to Fortis customers in Alberta.

Contact

Call the PowerSense hotline at 800-363-3330 or complete the application form (http://www.fortisbc.com/downloads/energy_efficiency/residential/CFLRebateOffer-7.pdf) and mail it, along with product receipts, to the address on the form.

Fortis PowerSense Heat Pump Incentive (British Columbia Only)

http://www.fortisbc.com/powersense/building_new_home.html

Overview

Fortis customers can choose between a reduced-interest loan and a cash grant when they install a ground or air source heat pump. For a qualifying project, a loan is available up to \$5,000 at 4.9% interest and with a 10-year term. Alternatively, participants can receive a one-time grant of \$0.05 for each kilowatt-hour in reduced annual electricity consumption.

Eligibility

This incentive is available for ground source (geothermal) heat pumps meeting criteria including Canadian Standards Association standards and installed by a Fortis-approved contractor in homes where electricity is the primary source of space heating. Air source heat pumps must have a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 13 or greater.

* This program is not available to Fortis customers in Alberta.

Contact

Call the PowerSense hotline at 800-363-3330

Fridge Buy-Back Program (BC Only)

http://www.bchydro.com/rebates_savings/fridge_buy_back.html

Overview

Refrigerators are one of the highest energy users in your home. If all spare operating fridges were recycled in British Columbia, enough energy would be saved to power all the homes in the City of Chilliwack for an entire year.

BC Hydro will pick up, free of charge, your old, inefficient, second refrigerator and give you a \$30 payment.

Eligibility

- All BC Hydro customers as well as residents of New Westminster
- Fridges must measure between 10 and 24 cubic feet and still be in working condition
- Maximum of two refrigerators per customer account

Contact

To arrange for the free pickup of your spare working fridge, call 604 881-4357 or 1 866 516-4357 outside of the Lower Mainland and please have your BC Hydro or New Westminster customer account number on hand.

Gaz Métro, Superior Energy-Efficiency Boiler

http://www.gazmetro.com/residentielactuel/efficaciteenergetique/en/html/168_en.aspx?culture=en-CA

Gaz Métro offers customers a financial incentive to facilitate access to ENERGY STAR Certified boilers by paying the cost difference between these high-performance units and basic models.

Eligibility

The financial incentive offered by Gaz Métro is for the energy-efficiency boilers of 300 000 BTU/h and less which have ENERGY STAR certification because they provide an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) of equal to or higher than 85%.

Value

Expected energy savings compared with the required minimum-manufacturing standard for the same application are of 5% compared with a basic model with an efficiency of 80%. It is approximately \$700 per home.

Contact

Phone: 1 800 875-9354

Gaz Métro, High-Efficiency Hot Air Furnace

http://www.gazmetro.com/residentielactuel/efficaciteenergetique/en/HTML/652820_en.aspx?Culture=en-CA

Overview

Gaz Métro offers customers a financial incentive to facilitate access ENERGY STAR® Certified hot air heating units by paying the cost difference between these high-performance units and basic models.

Eligible Product

The financial incentive offered by Gaz Métro is for the high-efficiency hot air furnaces, which have ENERGY STAR® certification because they provide an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) of greater than 90%.

Value

Expected energy savings compared with the required minimum-manufacturing standard for the same application are of approximately 12% when changing from a heater with an efficiency of 78% to a unit with an efficiency of 90%.

Contact

Phone: 1 800 875-9354

Gaz Métropolitain Programmable Electronic Thermostat Incentive

http://www.gazmetro.com/residentielactuel/efficaciteenergetique/en/HTML/169_en.aspx?Culture=en-CA

Overview

A programmable electronic thermostat can automatically reduce or adjust room temperature according to a preset daily or weekly schedule programmed in its built-in timer. Gaz Métro will pay you an incentive of \$30 when you install a programmable electronic ENERGY STAR® Certified thermostat.

Value

You will save approximately 7% to 10% in energy compared to a home without a programmable thermostat.

Eligibility

To take advantage of this offer, the programmable electronic thermostat must be installed by a specialized heating appliance contractor.

* Limit of one programmable electronic thermostat per heating appliance

Contact

Phone: 1 800 875-6202

Gazifère Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

<http://www.gazifere.com/en/nos-programmes-efficacite-energetique-institutionnel.html>

Overview

There are two programs available:

Hot water savings kit

Gazifère customers living in homes built before 1990 can obtain, free of charge, a hot water saving kit including two low-flow showerheads, aerators for kitchen and bathroom taps, and water pipe insulation material.

Thermostat

Gazifère customers switching from a mid-efficiency natural gas furnace or from oil or electric heating to a new high-efficiency natural gas furnace can have a programmable thermostat installed for \$40.

Contact

Phone: 819-771-8321

Geothermal System Purchase and Installation Grant

<http://www.hydroquebec.com/residential/geothermie/index.html>

Overview

If you decide on a geothermal system, you can get a grant from Hydro-Québec. Additional financial assistance is available through the Novoclimat and Rénoclimat programs of Québec's Agence de l'efficacité énergétique, as well as the ecoENERGY Retrofit program offered by Natural Resources Canada

Eligibility

- The house must be located in Québec.
- The geothermal system must have been installed after May 1, 2007. Both the installation and the contractor must be certified by the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition

Existing homes

- The house must be located in Québec.
- You must be a participant in the Rénoclimat program of Québec's Agence de l'efficacité énergétique.
- The main heating system must have been electric for at least one year at the time the work to be done was evaluated under the Rénoclimat program.
- The geothermal system must have been installed after May 1, 2007. The contractor must be accredited, and the installation certified, by the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition

Contact

Residential Geothermal Systems Grant Program

Hydro-Québec
2, Complexe Desjardins
Tour Est, 26e étage
Case postale 10 000, succ. Place Desjardins
Montréal (Québec)
H5B 1H7

Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF)

<http://sustainabilityfund.gc.ca/default.asp?Lang=En&n=409EF768-1>

New Project Proposals are presently under review for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (Submission deadline: December 12, 2008). The Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF) was announced in 2000 as a component of the Great Lakes Program's Great Lakes Basin 2020 Action Plan. GLSF, and the Great Lakes Program, has been renewed for another five year period which runs until March 31, 2010.

Objective

GLSF was established to work in partnership with other agencies and local community stakeholders to advance Remedial Action Plans that have been developed for each of Canada's remaining "Areas of Concern" (AOC) located within the Great Lakes Basin. GLSF provides technical and financial support to projects (up to one-third of the total cost) that implement remedial actions to complete the clean up and restoration in three key priority areas: fish and wildlife habitat rehabilitation and stewardship; contaminated sediment assessment and remediation; and innovative approaches to improve municipal wastewater effluent quality.

Assessment Criteria

- Demonstrated need for federal participation through mandate, existing federal policy or declared federal interest
- Completion of federal actions to advance the recovery and delisting of AOCs
- Measurable environmental benefits derived from the project
- Innovative and cost-saving control technologies and rehabilitation methods
- Technical merit and chances of success
- Leveraged funding and collaboration potential - the GLSF contributes up to one third of the total project cost
- Opportunities for technology transfer to other AOCs and the Great Lakes ecosystem

Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk (HSP)

<http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/hsp-pih/Default.asp?lang=En>

Overview

The federal government approved \$45 million over five years for the Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) for Species at Risk, beginning in 2000, as one of three pillars in Canada's national strategy for the protection of species at risk; the other two pillars are the Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk, endorsed by provinces and territories, and the Species at Risk Act. The HSP helps Canadians protect species at risk and their habitats. The program fosters land and resource use practices that maintain the habitat necessary for the survival and recovery of species at risk, enhancing existing conservation activities and encouraging new ones.

Objective

Protecting habitat and contributing to the recovery of species at risk are the HSP's main goals. The program focuses on results in three main areas:

- Securing or protecting important habitat to protect species at risk and support their recovery;
- Mitigating threats to species at risk caused by human activities; and
- Supporting the implementation of other priority activities in recovery strategies or action plans, where these are in place or under development.

In addition to the above objectives, the program aims to achieve 2:1 leveraging on funds that it invests, so that for every \$1 provided by the HSP, \$2 is raised by project recipients. This leveraging can take the form of either financial or in-kind resources (volunteered labour, products, or services). Partner funding and other support broaden the scope of projects, improve on-the-ground results, and strengthen the public and private collaboration that is essential to involving all Canadians in stewardship activities for species at risk.

By stimulating the creation of a larger pool of funds and the formation of partnerships, the HSP is able to fund activities that support its core objectives.

Program Contacts

To become involved in the HSP, you must have an eligible project. Contact a regional coordinator to find out whether your organization and project would be a candidate for funding.

Atlantic Region

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Horizon Utilities Corporation *Peaksaver* Program (Ontario)

http://www.horizonutilities.com/HHSC/html/conservation/con_OPApeaksaver.jsp

Overview

Participants in the *Peaksaver* program receive a cheque for \$25, a free programmable thermostat valued at \$200 and/or load control switch installed in their house. Horizons Utility Corporation may control the thermostat and load control switch during times of peak electricity demand to reduce the amount of electricity needed by the province.

Eligibility

Participants must be owners of a single-family home or small business property owner with a working central cooling system.

Contact

Phone: 866-323-0206.

Hydro-Québec Energy Wise coupons

http://www.hydroquebec.com/residential/description_diagnostic.html

Overview

Hydro-Québec customers who complete the on-line Energy Wise "home diagnostic" energy use questionnaire can access discount coupons for a wide range of energy-saving equipment and materials such as programmable thermostats, energy efficient light bulbs, low-flow showerheads and swimming pool accessories. The coupons, which change monthly, can be redeemed in participating stores or, in some cases, by mail.

Home Diagnostic Package

- energy-saving measures;
- an estimate, in dollars and in kilowatt hours, of the savings you can expect if you change your habits or equipment;
- a breakdown of your energy costs (heating, appliances, etc.).

Interdepartmental Recovery Fund (IRF)

https://www.fir-irf.gc.ca/default_e.cfm

Objective

The IRF provides access to funding for federal departments and departmental corporations for implementing recovery activities for and conducting surveys on species at risk that occur on federal lands or waters, or for species under federal jurisdiction.

Eligible Applicants

- **Only federal organizations can apply directly for IRF funds. A federal organization is a federal department or federal departmental corporation.**
- A federal department must sign the Memorandum of Understanding Among Federal Departments and Departmental Corporations Participating in the Interdepartmental Recovery Fund (MOU) to have access to IRF funds.
- A departmental corporation may sign the MOU but must also sign a separate agreement with Environment Canada consistent with the MOU.
- When applying singly or jointly (with another core department), applicants from Environment Canada (EC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and the Parks Canada Agency (PCA) should propose a 50-50 contribution match with the IRF.
 - The IRF is primarily targeted at federal organizations other than EC, DFO and PCA. These three departments will only have access to unallocated IRF funds.
 - One of the main goals of the IRF is to foster partnerships between federal organizations. EC, DFO, and PCA are encouraged to partner and support other federal organizations in developing proposals for the IRF.

Target Species and Activities for Recovery Projects

- The IRF supports priority recovery activities, identified in a recovery strategy or an action plan, for species designated by COSEWIC as extirpated, endangered, or threatened.
- A recovery strategy or action plan, at a sufficiently advanced stage to be usable, must be in place for the proposed species or ecosystem.

- **Proposed activities must be done predominantly on federal lands or for species under federal jurisdiction.**
 - In the IRF context, federal land is land or waters for which a federal department, or a
 - Departmental corporation is responsible (e.g., as tenant, landlord, or trustee).
 - Species under federal jurisdiction are "aquatic species" (a wildlife species that is a fish, as defined in section 2 of the Fisheries Act, or a marine plant, as defined in section 47 of that act) or migratory birds under the Migratory Birds Convention Act.
 - The IRF does not support program management and overhead.
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- The IRF will only support focused outreach activities that have a clearly targeted audience.

Kidney Car Program

<http://www.kidney.ca/page.asp?intNodeID=22314>

Objective

The Kidney Foundation of Canada takes donations of all old and/or unwanted vehicles. All the proceeds from the Kidney Car Program help fund the Kidney Foundation's programs and services for kidney patients and family, research into kidney disease, and education and awareness for kidney health and organ & tissue donation.

Incentives

- Donated vehicles are towed for free and disposed of in an *environmentally friendly way*.
- In most cases the tax receipt is for a fixed value of \$50, although the amount can be higher if the vehicle can be sold for a higher amount.

Contacts

Alberta

Calgary area: 403-279-7707.

Lethbridge: 1-403-331-0074

Edmonton area: 780-453-2288.

British Columbia

British Columbia Lower Mainland: 604-408-2277.

Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island: 800-585-4479.

Kelowna (including Vernon and Penticton): 250-769-2289.

West Kootenays (Trail and surrounding area): 1-800-585-4479

Manitoba

1-204-257-2277 or 1-866-740-2277

Ontario

Ontario areas: 1-866-788-2277

Sarnia and Lambton: 519-344-3462

Quebec

Quebec South Shore, Montmagny, Beauce (including Thetford Mines): 418-228-9151 or 800-463-1647.

Amos: 1 800 519-4700 or 819-732-4700

Rouyn-Noranda: (819) 797-2326

Val d'Or: 1 800 567-6323 or 819-874-5555

Cacouna: 1 888 324-4144 or 1 800 263-2773

Mont-Jolie, Matane, Matapédia: (418) 775-8660

Côte Nord (Baie Comeau): 1 800 790-2470

Sherbrooke and surrounding areas: (819) 820-7346

Bromont, Granby, Sutton and surrounding areas: 1 877 372-8449

Lac-Mégantic: 1 800 463-1647

Trois-Rivières and Shawinigan: (819) 374-5440 or 1 800 463-4350

Victoriaville (Area): 1 800 463-1647

Metropolitan Montréal, Laval, South Shore, Low Laurentians, Oka, Mirabel, St-Jérôme: (514) 325-7346

Île-Perrot, Vaudreuil, Dorion, Hudson, Rigaud, Valleyfield, Rivière-Beaudette, and towns near the Ontarian border: (450) 456-3708

Lanaudière, Laurentians, High Laurentians, Ste-Agathe, Ste-Adèle, St-Jovite and Mont-Tremblant: 1 800 282-2832

Montérégie (Delson, Napierville, Hemmingford, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu and St-Philippe): (450) 245-1153

Outaouais (Gatineau, Hull, Buckingham, Papineauville, Montebello, Aylmer and Chelsey): (819) 663-4014

Québec (Québec City and North Shore of Québec): (418) 872-1483 or 1 800 441-7346

Alma and Chicoutimi: (418) 543-0285

Dolbeau: (418) 276-6946 or 1 800 350-6946

Roberval: (418) 275-1576

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon and Regina, call toll-free: 1-877-227-7845

Swift Current (Vic's Towing & Auto Wrecking Service): 1-306-773-2928

Prince Albert (P.A. Auto Wreckers & Salvage): 1-306-764-2400

Moose Jaw (Top Line Salvage): 1-306-692-7398

Manitoba Hydro Earth Power Loan

<http://www.hydro.mb.ca/earthpower/loan.shtml>

Overview

This reduced-interest loan is available to homeowners purchasing a geothermal heat pump system. Both new installations and heating system replacements are eligible, regardless of previous fuel source.

Loan Amount

The maximum loan is \$20 000. The annual fixed interest rate is 4.9%. The maximum term is 15 years, and additional payments can be made at any time after the first six months with no interest penalty. Monthly installments are included on the customer's energy bill

Contact

Phone: 888-MBHYDRO (888-624-9376).

Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Appliance Program

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/appliance_program.shtml

Overview

Manitoba Hydro offers rebates for the purchase of select appliances that meet Power Smart standards for energy efficiency. Eligible appliances include select ENERGY STAR[®] qualified front loading clothes washers (rebate is \$100), select ENERGY STAR refrigerators greater than 10 cubic feet and less than 20 cubic feet (rebate is \$50), and select ENERGY STAR qualified chest freezers less than 16 cubic feet (rebate is \$25). The total value of the rebate will be credited to the customer's account. Only one application per appliance type per household will be accepted.

Contact

Phone: 888-MBHYDRO (888-624-9376).

E-mail: powersmartexpert@hydro.mb.ca.

Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Home Insulation Program

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/home_insulation.shtml

Overview

Manitoba Hydro will cover up to 100% of the cost of insulation materials placed in attics, walls and crawl spaces in customers' homes in which electricity or natural gas has been used as the principal heating source for at least one year. Detached and semi-detached homes, and mobile homes on permanent foundations and condominiums are eligible for this rebate. Summer homes or cottages, unoccupied homes and homes under construction are not eligible. Insulation work must meet specified minimum requirements (for details, see the Web site) and be approved by Manitoba Hydro before it is undertaken. The rebate amount provided by Manitoba Hydro is calculated based on the type and quantity of insulation materials installed.

Contact

Phone: 888-MBHYDRO (888-624-9376).

Manitoba Hydro Power Smart New Home Program

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/new_home_program.shtml

Overview

Manitoba Hydro offers up to a \$1,000 certificate towards the purchase of an ENERGY STAR® qualified front-loading washing machine, or a \$600 electricity bill rebate, to customers who build a new single-family home heated with electricity or natural gas that incorporates prescribed energy efficient components. Builders, who must have completed specific Manitoba Hydro training, must install all features specified in the program's Technical Standard. New homes built under this program receive an EnerGuide for Houses energy efficiency rating and Power Smart certification.

Contact

Phone: 888-MBHYDRO (888-624-9376).

Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Residential Loan

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/residential_loan.shtml

Overview

This reduced-interest loan is available to homeowners implementing any of the following energy saving renovations: adding insulation, installing ventilation, sealing air leaks, replacing windows and doors, upgrading lighting, electrical service and wiring, and upgrading or replacing heating systems. Renovations must meet detailed specifications.

Funding

The maximum loan is \$7,500 and the minimum is \$500. The annual fixed interest rate is 6.5%. No down payment is required. The maximum term is 60 months. Monthly installments are included on the customer's energy bill.

Contact

Phone: 888-MBHYDRO (888-624-9376).

E-mail: powersmartexpert@hydro.mb.ca.

Manitoba R-2000 Home Program

<http://www.r2000manitoba.com/>

Overview

Through this program the costs associated with the evaluation, testing and inspection of new high-efficiency R-2000 homes are paid for by Manitoba Hydro. Upon enrollment in the program, homeowners have the option of consulting a Licensed Design Evaluator on home design details or leaving the design to the licensed R-2000 builder. Following construction of the home, a licensed R-2000 Inspector and Air Tightness Tester will perform a final inspection. Once any defects are corrected by the builder, the home is officially certified as an R-2000 home.

Funding

These costs are valued between \$800 and \$1,000 per home.

Contact

Manitoba R-2000 Home Program
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Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA
R3C 0G8

Phone: 1-204-360-7912

Fax: 1-204-360-6157

Email: R2000manitoba@hydro.mb.ca

New Brunswick Energy Efficient New Homes Program

<http://www.energycynb.ca/enb/1608/New-Homes-Program>

Overview

The New Homes Program provides financial assistance to home owners of new homes if their home is R-2000 certified or has an EnerGuide for Houses rating of 80 or more.

Funding

There are three levels of financial incentives available:

- • The basic grant of \$1,000 for new EnerGuide 80 or R-2000 certified homes regardless of the heating system type
- • The Central Heating – Electric Grant of \$2,000 for new EnerGuide 80 or R-2000 certified homes that have an electric boiler, furnace or ENERGY STAR® rated (or equivalent) air source heat pump as the primary source of heating
- • The Central Heating – Non-Electric Grant of \$3,000 for new EnerGuide 80 or R-2000 certified homes that have an eligible non-electric central heating system such as a natural gas, oil or wood furnace or boiler or a geothermal heat pump.

An additional ENERGY STAR bonus incentive of \$250 is available as a top-up to any of the three grants to homeowners who install energy efficient lighting and purchase two ENERGY STAR home appliances. Eligible appliances include refrigerators, freezers, and clothes washers.

Contact

Efficiency NB
35 Charlotte St., Suite 101
Saint John, NB E2L 2H3

506-643-7826 (Telephone)
1-866-643-8833 (Toll-Free)
506-643-7835 (Fax)

Office hours:
Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Atlantic)

Newfoundland Power Wrap Up For Savings Program

<http://www.nfpower.nf.ca/ManagingYourEnergy/AtHome/GettingtheMost/InsulatingYourHome/WrapUpForSavings.aspx>

Overview

Newfoundland Power offers financing up to \$2,500 to cover the labour and material costs of heat-saving insulation upgrades in homes where electricity is the primary source of heating. Loan payments are made through monthly electric bills, with repayment schedules up to 48 months. The interest rate available from January 1 to March 31, 2007, is 10.0%.

In addition, Newfoundland Power provides cash rebates for materials used to upgrade insulation in basements, attics and crawl spaces. Details of the rebates available are provided on the Web site.

Requirements

Insulation must be installed to National Building Code standards to qualify for either the loan or rebates.

Contact

Phone: 709-737-2802, or 800-663-2802.

PST Reduction for Qualifying Fuel Efficient Vehicles (BC Only)

http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/msbr/whats_new/consumer_taxes/whatsnew.htm

Objective

The PST reduction aims to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions by providing an incentive for consumers to buy or lease fuel efficient vehicles.

Eligibility

Qualifying Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Tax Reduction	From	To (inclusive)
Hydrogen fuel-cell buses	50% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$10,000	February 20, 2008	March 31, 2011
Electric motorcycles or scooters	50% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$1,000	February 20, 2008	March 31, 2011
Hybrid electric vehicles	100% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$2,000	February 16, 2005	March 31, 2011
Alternative fuel shuttle buses	50% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$5,000	February 16, 2005	March 31, 2011
Alternative fuel passenger buses	50% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$10,000	February 16, 2005	March 31, 2011
All other qualifying alternative fuel vehicles	50% of the tax payable to a maximum of \$1,000	February 16, 2005	March 31, 2011

Tax Rate Reduction

As the cost of an alternative fuel passenger vehicle is generally higher than the cost of comparable gasoline or diesel models, these vehicles may therefore be subject to a higher rate of tax applicable to vehicles priced at \$55,000 or more. This concession allows the price of a vehicle to be reduced by \$7,000 in order to calculate a reduced price for the vehicle that, in turn, is used to determine the applicable tax rate (7%, 8%, 9% or 10%).

Expiry

The PST reduction for qualifying fuel efficient vehicles will expire on March 31, 2011.

How to Claim

To claim a refund, complete the Application for Refund of Social Service Tax Paid on a Motor Vehicle form (FIN 413 MV). This form is available from the ministry or any Service BC Centre. You will also find it on our website at **www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Consumer_Taxes/Provincial_Sales_Tax/forms.htm**

Include the following with your claim:

- A copy of the registration certificate showing the make, model, year and fuel type of the vehicle.
- If the vehicle is purchased, a copy of the bill of sale indicating the date of purchase and the amount of tax paid. If the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement showing the date the lease was entered into, the term of the lease, and the lease price, as well as copies of lease invoices showing the amount of tax paid.
- Documentation from the dealer confirming the type of fuel the vehicle is designed to consume.

Contact

Forward your refund claim to:

Consumer Taxation Branch
Refund Section
PO Box 9628, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9N6

All refund claims must be submitted within four years from the date the tax was paid.

RECYC-FRIGO Environmental Program (Hydro-Québec)

<http://www.recyc-frigo.com/en/info.html>

Overview

Hydro-Québec is giving \$60 per appliance for a maximum of two (\$120) refrigerators, two freezers, or one refrigerator and one freezer.

The refrigerator and freezer recovery program is in effect from March 25, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

Eligibility

- must be a Québec resident and live in a municipality that is covered by the RECYC-FRIGO program
- must own a refrigerator in working condition

Contact

Call at 1-877-493-7446 (FRIGO).

Region of Peel Toilet Replacement Program (Ontario)

<http://www.peelregion.ca/watersmartpeel/indoor/toilet-program-1.htm>

Overview

The Region of Peel provides \$60 rebates to residents or property owners who replace inefficient toilets with new Peel-approved water efficient 6-litre toilets. Rebates of \$100 are available for high efficiency toilets of 4.8 litres or less

Residential Energy Assistance Program (PEI)

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/oee/index.php>

Overview

There is a PST exemption on small-scale renewable energy equipment with a rating of 100 kilowatts or less (100 kilowatts = 340,000 BTUs)

Eligible Items

- wind energy generating systems
- biogas energy generating systems
- ground-source or geothermal heat pump energy generating systems
- solar thermal energy collection systems
- solar photovoltaic energy collection systems
- drain water heat recovery energy collection devices

Contact

For more information on the PST exemption on renewable energy equipment, contact Provincial Treasury, Taxation and Property Records, at (902) 569-7542.

Residential Toilet Replacement Program (Calgary)

http://www.calgary.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_780_237_0_43/http%3B/content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Water+Services/Water+Conservation/Indoor+Water+Conservation/Toilet+Rebates/Residential+Toilet+Replacement+Program/Residential+Toilet+Replacement+Program.htm

Overview

Your big old toilet is costing you a fortune. Likely your current toilet uses 20 litres of water per flush or more. That can add up to a bathtub of water flushed away each day per person! By switching to a low flow model a Calgary household can save over \$100 on annual water and sewer bills and continue to see water and money savings for the future.

Eligibility

- The \$50 reward offer applies only to our residential metered customers. Apartments and Condominiums are metered.
- Purchased toilets must be on the Eligible Toilet List.
- Up to three rewards are available for each residential metered account.
- A photo of the old toilet must accompany the application. (See our Landfill Information for disposal)
- New toilets must replace a toilet with a flush volume of 13 litres or more.
- Apartment tenants and Condominium applicants must obtain permission from their property owner or building manager

Reimbursement

\$50 per toilet will be given to successful applicants

Contact

Toilet Replacement Program
City of Calgary Water Services #433
PO Box 2100 Station M
Calgary AB T2P 2M5

Retire Your Ride Program

<http://www.retireyourride.ca/home.aspx>

Overview

Retire Your Ride is an initiative of The Government of Canada, Summerhill Impact and its partners, designed to enable people to get their high-polluting cars off the road and reward them for doing so. The program is committed to improving air quality by responsibly recycling vehicles and aims to retire at least 50,000 vehicles per year until March 31, 2011.

If you have a car that needs retiring, we'll recycle its parts in an environmentally responsible way, and reward you for it.

Reducing Emissions and Saving the Environment

Did you know that 1995 model year and older vehicles produce 19 times more smog-forming pollutants than 2004 and newer models?

By ensuring that vehicles are properly recycled, we can prevent the release of toxins into the environment. By retiring vehicles earlier, you'll be helping reduce harmful emissions.

Eligibility

Eligible participants must be owners of 1995 or older model year vehicles that are in running condition and have been registered and insured **in their names** in Canada for the previous consecutive 6 months.

NOTE: If you are a resident of British Columbia, please visit www.scrapit.ca to view program requirements in your province.

Retire Your Ride is not currently available in the Territories. Contact Summerhill Impact at 416-922-9038 ext: 245

Qualifications

- Vehicle must start and move
- Vehicle is currently fully insured and registered in your name and has been for the past consecutive months (minimum) prior to the date of application
- Vehicle must be for personal use
- Vehicle's gross weight rating must be under 3856kg (8,500 lbs)
- Your vehicle is complete with no parts removed

- All liens (parking tickets, 407 fees, etc.) must be paid off before donation of your vehicle
- Personal vehicles that are used for a small business may be considered

Contact

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- N210-5811 Cooney Rd. (North Tower)
- Richmond, BC V6M 3M1
- Fax: 1-604-273-8550
- Email: BC@retireyourride.ca

Alberta

- 10303 Jasper Avenue
- Suite 930
- Edmonton, AB T5J 3N6
- Fax: 1-780-408-4585
- Email: Alberta@retireyourride.ca

Manitoba

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- Environmental Issues Coordinator
- The Lung Association, Manitoba
- 629 McDermot Avenue
- Winnipeg, MB R3A 1P6
- Fax: 1-204-772-5083
- Email: Manitoba@retireyourride.ca

New Brunswick

- c/o Steve Dennis
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Mainland Nova Scotia Business Operations
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- Dartmouth NS B3B 2B2
- Fax: 1-902-454-0514
- Email: NB@retireyourride.ca

Newfoundland & Labrador

- c/o Steve Dennis
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- Mainland Nova Scotia Business Operations
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- Dartmouth NS B3B 2B2
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- Email: NL@retireyourride.ca

Nova Scotia

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Québec

- Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA)
- 484, route 227
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SmartWash Rebate Program (Victoria BC)

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/water/conservation/rebates/smartwash.htm>

Overview

The Capital Regional District of Victoria offers residents a \$125 rebate on the purchase and installation of a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. The rebate is available to residents of new or existing houses, condominiums, apartments, townhouses, and duplexes that are connected to the municipal water supply serving Greater Victoria, Sooke and designated portions of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

Contact

Capital Regional District Water Services
479 Island Highway
Victoria, British Columbia
V9B 1H7
Phone: 250-474-9684

Strathcona County Rebates for Green Homes (Alberta)

http://www.builtgreencanada.ca/uploads/files/New_rebate_supports_green_practices.pdf

Overview

The program's aim is to achieve greater energy efficiency and reduced pollution; healthier indoor air, water conservation, natural resources preservation; and improved durability and reduced maintenance.

Homebuilders who achieve R-2000 or Built Green certification are eligible for a partial rebate on the cost of the building permit for the home. The value of the rebate depends on the level of certification achieved. There are four categories of eligibility:

- 30% rebate for R-2000 Certification
- 30% rebate for Built Green Gold Certification
- 20% rebate for Built Green Silver Certification
- 10% rebate for Built Green Bronze Certification.

Tax Incentive for Hybrid Vehicles (PEI)

<http://www.peigov.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=1017738>

Overview

The Province of PEI offers a provincial sales tax rebate of up to \$3,000 on hybrid vehicles purchased or leased since March 30, 2004.

Rebate

After paying the provincial sales tax on the hybrid vehicle, the owner can submit a Request for Refund of Revenue Tax (PST) form with the appropriate receipts.

Application Form

Go to: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/forms/pdf/532.pdf>

VanCity Bright Idea Loan (BC)

<https://www.vancity.com/Loans/BrightIdeas/>

Overview

The VanCity credit union offers its members a prime rate loan to finance energy efficient home renovations recommended by an EnerGuide for Houses evaluation. The renovations must achieve at least a five-point improvement in the EnerGuide for Houses rating. The loan amount is between \$3,500 and \$20,000 and is paid back with regular monthly payments. This personal loan is at prime+1 rate for up to ten years.

Apply online at <https://www.vancity.ca/Loans/PersonalLoans/Loans/>.

Contact

Phone: 604-877-7000 or 888-VAN-CITY (888-826-2489).

VanCity Clean Air Auto Loan (BC)

<https://www.vancity.com/Loans/CleanAirAutoLoan/>

Overview

The Clean Air Auto Loan rewards members who buy fuel-efficient cars that emit less carbon by giving them preferential loan rates. The VanCity credit union offers its members prime rate loans for the purchase of gasoline-electric hybrid and dedicated natural gas vehicles. The loan term is up to five years.

Two loan rates are available for eligible new vehicles. Normal Vancity lending criteria apply:

- Prime +1 rate for vehicles that emit at least 50% less CO₂ than average
- Prime +2 for vehicles that emit at least 33% less CO₂ than average

Loan

Up to about \$3,000 per vehicle in reduced interest payments

Contact

Phone: 604-877-7000 or 888-VAN-CITY (888- 826-2489).

Yukon Housing Corporation Green Mortgage

<http://www.housing.yk.ca/>

Overview

The Yukon Housing Corporation offers mortgage financing of up to \$280,000 at a reduced interest rate for homes built or upgraded to the corporation's GreenHome standard, which includes strict energy efficiency requirements. GreenHomes must be constructed by Yukoners, and Yukon businesses must supply at least 75% of the building materials.

Homes built to Natural Resources Canada's R-2000 standard meet the GreenHome standard.

Contact

Phone: 867-667-5759, or 800-661-0408

E-mail: ykhouse@gov.yk.ca

Yukon Housing Corporation Home Repair Programs

<http://www.housing.yk.ca/hrp.html>

Overview

Yukon Housing Corporation offers low-interest financing for home improvements including renovations undertaken to improve energy efficiency. The program includes free technical inspections and suggestions for upgrades and repairs.

Loans

Homeowners (principal residence on titled property) can obtain a low-interest loan up to \$35,000, with additional financing available at a higher interest rate for the portion of the loan exceeding \$35,000. Owners of mobile homes on rental property can obtain a low-interest loan up to 95% of the projected future market value of the home. Owners of rental suites can obtain a low interest loan up to \$30,000 with a repayment period of up to 10 years.

Contact

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