

GOVERNMENT eco ENERGY SAVING REBATES

Natural Resources Canada initiative in the new ecoEnergy program which can result in substantial cost savings to Ontario homeowners. This partial list includes highlights that provide the greatest return on your investment.

HEATING AND COOLING

- \$1,250 **Energy Star®** qualified gas furnace with DC variable speed motor: \$500 (Federal) plus \$500 (Provincial) plus \$100 from Enbridge plus \$125 from Ontario Power Authority (Cool Savings Rebate), plus another \$25 from Ontario Power Authority (Cool Savings Rebate) for a programmable thermostat.
- \$1,200 **Energy Star®** qualified gas or oil boiler: \$600 (Federal) plus \$600 (Provincial) plus \$100 from Enbridge if gas.
- \$1,000 **Energy Star®** qualified oil furnace with DC variable speed motor: \$500, plus \$500.
- \$800 Replace conventional air conditioner with **Energy Star®** qualified air-conditioner: \$200 plus \$200 plus \$400 from Ontario Power Authority (Cool Savings Rebate), minimum SEER 12 and 15.

NOTE: Some equipment manufacturers also offer rebates.

INSULATION

- \$2,000 Insulate basement walls to more than R-23: \$1,000 (Federal) plus \$1,000 (Provincial).
- \$1,600 Insulate crawlspace walls to more than R-23: \$800 plus \$800.
- \$200 Insulate the joist header space at the top of foundation walls: \$100 plus \$100.
- \$1,200 Upgrade attic insulation from R-12 to R-50: \$600 plus \$600.
- \$1,200 Upgrade flat or cathedral roof insulation from R-12 to R-28: \$600 plus \$600.

- \$300 Air sealing to improve the air tightness of your home, windows, skylights and doors: \$500 plus \$500.
- \$60 each **Energy Star®** qualified replacement windows: \$30 plus \$30.

CONSERVING WATER

- \$160 Replace old water-guzzling toilet with low flush toilet: \$50 plus \$50 plus \$60 or \$75 from City of Toronto.
- \$175 Replace toilet with dual flush toilet: \$50 plus \$50 plus \$75 from City of Toronto.

NO PST !

1. There is a PST rebate until January 2010 for renewable energy installations.
2. **Energy Star®** appliances are subject to a retail tax exemption in Ontario from July 19, 2007 to July 2008. This includes refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, freezers, dehumidifiers, room air conditioners and qualifying **Energy Star®** light bulbs and decorative light strings.

THREE-STEP PROCESS

- Step 1** Perform an energy audit - \$300. You will get a \$150 rebate from the government. The report will show you where you can save energy in your home. (Many companies will pay the cost of the audit.)
- Step 2** Make your improvements.
- Step 3** Perform a second (verification) audit. The cost is \$150 and the auditor will help complete the grant application.

WEBSITES TO FIND INFORMATION YOU NEED

- “Hiring a Home Inspector” - CMHC - Must be a National Certificate Holder #NCA000314
- Ontario Power Authority - Cool Savings Rebate Program at <http://www.everykilowattcounts.com/residential/cool savings/>

- **Energy Star® appliances at:**
www.energystar.gc.ca or
www.oeenrcan.gc.ca/energystar/english/consumers/index.cfm
- **Enbridge rebates information, go to:**
<http://portal-plumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=>
- **Union Gas rebates information, go to:**
<http://uniongas.com/home/ngforhome/energysavings/rebatesincentives.asp>
- **City of Toronto toilet replacement program, to go:**
<http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/multi-flush/index.htm>
- **Natural Resources Canada (Federal) website at:**
<http://www.oeenrcan.gc.ca/english/index.cfm>
- **Ontario Ministry of Energy website at**
<http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=english.main>
- **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)**
- **Natural Resources Canada**
- For information on qualifying toilets for the rebate programs, go to:
<http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/flush/index.htm> 11th Edition Jan.14. pdf. Test result start on page 16.

Please note: All Points Home Inspection Inc. does not recommend installing tankless water heaters and also some brands of high efficiency furnaces and air conditioners as recently reported in Consumers Reports magazine.

Environmentally-friendly blown cellulose attic insulation is a more efficient material that resists settlement when compared to itchy blown fiberglass insulation which also attracts mice like a magnet. Also, laboratory tests have identified fiberglass as a potential carcinogen.

All Points Home Inspection Inc. does not perform eco Energy audits.