

Durabuilt Bulletin: Access Government Grants When You Make Energy Saving Improvements

ecoENERGY Retrofit – NATIONAL HOMES PROGRAM

The federal government has renewed the ecoENERGY Retrofit program and committed \$400 million for improvements made and evaluated between **June 6, 2011 to March 31, 2012**. Through this initiative homeowners can access up to \$5,000 in rebates for improvements, like window and door replacements, that make their home more energy-efficient. Here's what you need to know:



1. Registration - Participants **MUST** first, register with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) at oee.nrcan.gc.ca/register or **1 800 O-Canada** (1-800-622-6232) to receive a registration number.

2. Pre-Retrofit Evaluation - Once you are registered, hire a certified energy advisor (licensed by NRCan) to perform an in-home evaluation before your renovation begins. If your home has already been evaluated since April 2007, a new pre-retrofit evaluation is not required.

Note: you can book your Durabuilt consultation and order windows and doors prior to your pre-evaluation to guarantee an installation date. It is important however, to schedule and complete your pre-retrofit evaluation prior to the actual renovation work.

3. Retrofit with Receipts - Once you choose, purchase and install eligible products, participants must retain and present all retrofit receipts. **Participants can claim qualified products purchased after June 6, 2011**; new participants can only claim items that are installed after the pre-retrofit evaluation.

Note: homeowners should visit the 2011 ecoENERGY Grant Table for an overview of eligible upgrade available at ecoaction.gc.ca/homes

4. Post-Retrofit Evaluation - All eligible renovations and your **post-retrofit evaluation must be complete before March 31, 2012** to qualify. You are required to show your energy advisor all receipts during the final evaluation to verify that

eligible upgrades were purchased. Once this is complete, your energy advisor will prepare the proper documentation and file a claim.

5. Provincial Supplements - there are complementary regional programs available to you that work in conjunction with the ecoENERGY Retrofit program. These programs may help offset the energy evaluation costs and supplement national home improvement grants. In certain provinces and territories NRCan will transfer data to complementary incentive programs on your behalf.

Did You Know...

- You can earn \$40 per window or door** (opening) replaced and possibly qualify for an additional air sealing improvements (up to \$550).
- Homeowners who have participated in the program to date have **saved an average of 20% on their energy bills**.
- You can access **up to \$5000 in cash rebates for energy saving home improvements**, including window and door replacements (combined applications made since April 2007).
- Owners of multiple dwellings and MURBs **can receive up to \$1,000,000 in rebates**.

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