

# **Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses Announcement**

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# Saskatchewan Energy Share

- Provided short and long-term assistance to Saskatchewan residents to help with rising energy costs
- Short term
  - Capped natural gas rates  
November 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006
- Long term
  - Six energy conservation Initiatives were introduced
  - Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses was one of the programs
  - PST exemption on ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces, boilers and heat pumps was another initiative.



# Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses

- We have already provided grants to over 6,000 homeowners to help improve the energy efficiency of their homes
- These homeowners on average:
  - Received a provincial grant of \$773;
  - Reduced their energy consumption by 68 GJ's/year;
  - Reduced their GHG emissions by 3.66 tonnes annually; and
  - Are saving up to \$715 per year on energy costs.

# Today's Announcement

- The Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses Program will be Extended to March 31, 2011
- Homeowners will be eligible for up to \$5,000 in Provincial grants (up from \$2,000 max)
- The Province will cover 50% of the cost of pre and post evaluations (audits)
- Targets
  - 20,000 additional households to receive grants
  - a reduction in GHG emissions of 75,000 tonnes (equivalent to removing 19,000 cars from the road)
  - Average Provincial grant to homeowners of \$1,000
- Estimated cost of \$28M over four years

# Why Extend The Program?

- Very successful and measurable program to help homeowners undertake energy efficiency improvements
- Encourage more residents to participate in the Program
- Assist homeowners to reduce energy consumption and related emissions while saving money
- Provincial commitment to conservation and green economy
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - Reduce environmental footprint

# How Do Homeowners Participate?

1. Homeowner books an “A” audit with a licensed service provider
2. Service provider comes to the house, completes an evaluation, and provides a list of potential improvements and assigned grant amounts for each improvement
3. Homeowner undertakes retrofits based on the recommendations that were made
4. Service provider completes a “B” audit within 18 months of the “A” audit to verify improvements and determine the grant amount
5. A cheque is mailed out to the participating homeowner

# What Home Improvements Qualify?

- Heating and ventilation system upgrades
- Cooling system upgrades
- Increasing insulation
- Air sealing and draft proofing
- Replacing windows and doors
- Water heating initiatives
  - Tankless water heaters
  - Grey water heat recovery
  - Solar water pre-heating systems
- Water conservation
  - Low-flow or dual flush toilets

# Who Is Eligible?

- Any homeowner or landlord
- Small businesses or organizations using residential sized equipment in a structure similar to a residential dwelling
- Homeowners who previously received grants can access the program for a second round of eligible improvements
- Homeowners who have already had an “A” audit but haven’t yet made improvements and had the “B” audit (“B” audit still must be completed within 18 months of the “A” audit)

# Program Comparison

	<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Extended Program (as of April 1)</b>
<b>Subsidy for home evaluations</b>	\$150 for each evaluation	50% of the cost of each evaluation
<b>Grant eligibility</b>	Based on the difference in the home's rating between the A and B audits	Based on the renovation that is done (i.e. up to \$500 for an upgraded furnace)
<b>Types of upgrades that qualify</b>	Heating, insulation, draft proofing, windows, etc.	Expanded to include cooling, geothermal, solar, water, electrical
<b>Maximum Grant Available</b>	\$2,000	\$5,000
<b>Expected Average grant</b>	\$775	\$1,040

# The New Federal ecoEnergy Retrofit Initiative

- The Province is working with the Federal Government to link the two programs and create a partnership
- Specific details are expected soon
- We expect that homeowners who enter the Saskatchewan EnerGuide Program after March 31, 2007 will also be eligible for grants under the new Federal Program

# PST exemption

- Applies to ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces, boilers and heat pumps
- Provided approximately \$1.5 million in PST savings on qualifying purchases to date
- The Program was scheduled to end on March 31, 2007 but it has been extended indefinitely
- Estimated to provide approximately \$1 million annually in PST savings on qualifying purchases

# Questions?