

**ecoENERGY Retrofit Grants
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More Savings for Canadians Who Make Home Improvements

TORONTO — Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Joe Oliver, and Jacques Gourde, Member of Parliament for Lotbinière–Chutes-de-la-Chaudière, announced today that the Harper Government has renewed the popular ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program. This initiative is helping Canadians save on home improvements and energy costs while protecting the environment.

"Our Government is committed to easing the burden of high energy costs on Canadians and putting more money back in their pockets," said Minister Oliver. "With this program, Canadians can make their homes more energy-efficient and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Canada."

"Canadians can apply today," said MP Gourde, speaking in Quebec City. "Especially during summer and construction season, we want as many Canadians as possible to take advantage of this grant."

Until March 31, 2012, homeowners may be eligible to receive grants of up to \$5,000 to make their homes more energy-efficient. The program could help up to 250,000 Canadian homeowners improve their homes' energy efficiency and generate as much as \$4 billion in economic activity across Canada.

Prior to Budget 2011, the Government of Canada provided retrofit incentives to over half a million Canadians. Homeowners who participated in the program saved an average of 20 percent on their energy bills.

For more information, visit ecoaction.gc.ca/homes or call 1-800-O-Canada (800-622-6232). TTY: 1-800-926-9105. Grant amounts are listed in the "[Grant Table for ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes](#)."

Steps to apply for the grant

1. **1. Registration:** First, [register](#) with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and receive a registration number. If you do not have Internet access, you can call 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232).
2. **2. Pre-retrofit evaluation:** Hire a local [service organization](#) licensed by NRCan. They will send a certified energy advisor to perform a pre-retrofit energy evaluation from the attic to the foundation. If the property has already been evaluated under this program since April 2007, a new pre-retrofit evaluation is not required.
3. **3. Retrofit with receipts:** Choose, purchase and install eligible measures described in this document, and keep your receipts for three years. The more upgrades you implement, the more money you can receive, and the more energy you can save.
4. **4. Post-retrofit evaluation:** Complete your renovations and obtain a post-retrofit evaluation no later than March 31, 2012. You must **show all your receipts** to your energy advisor during the final evaluation to verify that you purchased and installed eligible upgrades after June 6, 2011, and after a pre-retrofit evaluation.

Most homeowners receive a grant cheque from the Government of Canada within 90 days after their post-retrofit evaluation. NRCan also transfers data to complementary incentive programs in certain provinces and territories that issue cheques according to their own criteria and deadlines.