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Home Retrofits- Save money and help the environment

Retrofitting your home, to improve energy efficiency, is one of the best investments you can make - especially now with the abundance of Federal, Provincial and Municipal rebates available.

Here in BC, we've always known that it is important to have a home that is warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Lately, we've also been made aware of the value of clean, smoke free air during wildfire season. Energy efficient retrofits will lower your heating/cooling costs and make your home more comfortable, quieter, healthier and more durable (and reduce your GHG emissions).

Do you know that there are over $20,000 in rebates available? Let us help you navigate the process. Contact us at ekclimatehub@gmail.com

Step one: Determine your eligibility and register for the Canada Greener Homes Grant (CGHG) https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-grant/23441

Eligibility: Must own your own home, property must be primary residence, home must be over 6 (Federal requirement) or 12 (Provincial requirement) months old, products purchased in Canada, and work must be done by qualified professionals.

Eligible property types:

- Single and semi-detached houses
- Row housing
- Townhomes
- Mobile homes on a permanent foundation
- Low- rise multi-unit residential buildings (three storeys or less with a footprint of 600m^2 or less) -Qualify for Federal programs only

• Be sure to review all requirements for eligibility.

Step 2: Book a pre-retrofit EnerGuide home evaluation **with a** NRCan registered energy advisor https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/find-service-provider/find-service-organizations-for-existing-homes/23772

Step 2a (optional): Apply for a Canada Greener Homes Interest Free Loan

Step 3: Start researching Provincial Grants available – Clean BC Better Homes and Home Renovation Rebate Program (Clean BC) and Clean BC Income Qualified Program. Check grant criteria and rebates available.

https://betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/cleanbc-better-homes-and-home-renovation-rebate-programs/

https://www.betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/income-qualified/

See here for rebate eligibility requirements
https://betterhomesbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CS-1267-CleanBCBetterHomes_HomeRenovationRebate-ProgramRequirements-Oct01-2021.pdf

(If you are applying for Provincial grants only, using an energy advisor isn't necessary, but still advisable)

Step 4: Research Federal Grants (https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-grant/start-your-energy-efficient-retrofits/23443)

and municipal Grants available – District of Invermere - https://invermere.net/operations/environment/building-incentives/

RDEK ($750 available - contact the Community Energy Association at (250) 469-6783 ext. 717 or email kcet@communityenergy.bc.ca.)

Step 5: Once you receive your pre-retrofit EnerGuide home evaluation from your EA, review the Renovation Upgrade report and decide on renovations to prioritize, based on energy efficiency savings and grants available. Note that for CleanBC rebates you are required to use insulators and heat pump installers that are registered with the Home Performance Contractors Network (HPCN).

Step 6: Complete renovations

- All CleanBC rebates have a 6 month deadline to apply from the evaluation date, or invoice date. Best practice is to apply as you go for Clean BC rebates.

Step 7: Contact your EA for Post-Upgrade EnerGuide evaluation

- All Canada Greener Homes Grants are applied for after the Post-Upgrade EnerGuide evaluation is completed and after the applicable upgrades are installed.

Additional Resources:

CleanBC Energy Coach Service • Free coaching support, rebate and contractor search tools • 1 -844 -881 -9790 • ask@betterhomesbc.ca • www.Betterhomesbc.ca

Use this CleanBC link for a search tool for your city and specific retrofit items:
https://www.betterhomesbc.ca/rebate-search-tool/

Canada Greener Homes • 1-833-674-8282 • Nrcan.canadagreenerhomesgrant -subventionmaisonsvertes.nrcan@Canada.ca • www.Canada.ca/greener -homes -grant

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