

### **Is your home ready for Winter?**

There may never be a better time to ask this question. Fall is just around the corner, and energy conservation rebates are now at an all-time high.



#### **Collect a \$500 furnace rebate**

We're offering customers with conventional natural gas furnaces or boilers a rebate of \$500 to install high-efficiency furnaces or boilers. Making the switch could return your annual gas bills where they were before the recent increase in the price of natural gas.

The offer applies from August 5 to October 13, 2008.

#### **Collect ecoENERGY Retrofit Grants**

Before you begin making energy improvements, consider a pre-retrofit energy evaluation of your home, at a cost of \$180 plus GST. We conduct the evaluation, under a partnership with Natural Resources Canada.

You may be eligible for up to \$5 000 from the federal government for specific energy-saving renovations you make, based on the results of the in-home energy evaluation. That could include \$500 toward the purchase of a high-efficiency furnace—in addition to the \$500 furnace rebate mentioned above for customers with conventional natural gas furnaces or boilers.

#### **Get insulation for free**

You may be eligible for a rebate on your energy bill of up to 100 per cent of the cost of insulation you add to your home. But your project **MUST** be approved **BEFORE** you buy any insulation, and the new insulation must meet minimum Power Smart levels.

#### **Take out a Power Smart Residential Loan**

More than 43 500 Manitobans have borrowed over \$167 million under our Power Smart Residential Loan to make their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. The loan is up to \$7 500 at a fixed 6.5 per cent (O.A.C.) that you can conveniently pay off on your energy bill in up to 60 months.

#### **Take advantage of the Lower Income Energy Efficiency Program**

Lower income households may qualify for:

- a no-cost in-home energy evaluation
- funding to cover the cost of insulation upgrades for most or all of the attic, basement, crawl space, and wall cavities
- \$2 500 rebate for replacing a conventional natural gas boiler with a high-efficiency model

- \$1 140 rebate for replacing a conventional natural gas furnace with a high-efficiency model.

### **Try these energy conservation tips**

Seal around doors and windows and other “leaky” locations, install window film kits on inside window frames, turn down your thermostat 3°C (5.4°F) while you sleep or are away from the house, install an energy efficient showerhead, wash and rinse your clothes in cold water, and turn down your natural gas water heater from 60°C (140°F). These low or no-cost measures could save several hundred dollars on your home and water heating costs.

### **Consult our home renovation booklets**

Check out our booklets on home renovations that add comfort while paying for themselves in energy savings. Booklets cover: Sealing, Caulking & Weather-stripping, Basement & Crawlspace Insulation, Attic Insulation, Wall Insulation, Doors & Windows, Heating Systems, Water Heaters, and Indoor Air Quality & Ventilation.

### **Ask the Energy Expert**

If you have questions on improving home comfort or lowering your energy bills, put them to our Power Smart Energy Expert at [powersmartexpert@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:powersmartexpert@hydro.mb.ca). Or mail your question to Power Smart Energy Expert, Manitoba Hydro, P.O. Box 815 Station Main, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2P4.

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