

Top 11 great grants, rebates and exemptions

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1	<p>Federal ecoENERGY Efficiency Initiative Natural Resources Canada For more information go to http://ecoenergy-ecoenergie.gc.ca/index-eng.htm.</p>	<p>A new program that provides \$300 million across Canada for the next four years for homeowners and smaller businesses to retrofit or build new energy efficient homes and buildings. Homeowners can claim up to \$5,000 for renovations to improve their home's energy efficiency.</p>
2	<p>Property Transfer Tax (PTT) First Time Home Buyers' Program Exemption BC Ministry of Small Business and Revenue For information go to www.rev.gov.bc.ca/rpt/ or phone the provincial Property Taxation Branch at 250.387.0604.</p>	<p>Exempts qualified first-time buyers from paying the Property Transfer Tax which is 1% of the first \$200,000 of market value and 2% on the remainder on homes priced up to \$325,000 in the GVRD, FVRD and CRD and up to \$265,000 elsewhere.</p>
3	<p>BC Home Owner Grant BC Ministry of Small Business and Revenue For information go to www.rev.gov.bc.ca/hog/ or contact your local government's tax office.</p>	<p>Reduces property taxes by up to \$570 on properties with an assessed value up to \$780,000 and continues on a sliding scale up \$894,000. Provides an additional \$275 for a total of \$845 for seniors, veterans and the disabled.</p>
4	<p>PST Exemptions for Energy Conservation BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources For information go to www.em.gov.bc.ca/alternativeenergy/EnergyEfficiency/PST_Exemption.htm.</p>	<p>Exempts energy efficient materials including double-glazed windows, insulation, draft reducing materials, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps and related from the PST.</p>
5	<p>PST Relief Grant Program BC Homeowner Protection Office For more information go to www.hpo.bc.ca/PST/index.htm or phone 604.646.7069.</p>	<p>Provides grant assistance to owners of leaky homes including single detached, duplexes, strata councils, and housing co-op boards, who have repaired damage caused by premature building envelope failure.</p>
6	<p>Energy Savings Plan (ESP) BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources For information go to www.saveenergynow.ca/programs/sdr or phone 1.877.727.2830. Program deadline is March 31, 2007.</p>	<p>Provides grants of up to \$2,500 for energy efficient upgrades to owners of pre-1990 single family, row and town houses in pilot communities including: Bowen Island, Burnaby, North Vancouver City, Port Moody, Squamish, Vancouver and Saltspring Island.</p>
7	<p>GST on New Home Rebate Canada Revenue Agency For information go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca and in the search box enter "GST new housing rebate".</p>	<p>Lets eligible buyers of new homes with a market value of less than \$450,000 purchased from a builder claim a rebate of up to \$7,560.</p>
8	<p>CMHC Grants - includes Energy Efficient Housing Mortgage Loan Insurance Premium Refunds and Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) Grants For information on Mortgage Loan Insurance Premium Refunds go to www.cmhc.ca/en/co/moloin/moloin_008.cfm#reno. For information on RRAP go to www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas_001.cfm.</p>	<p>Provides home buyers with CMHC mortgage insurance a 10% premium refund (worth hundreds of dollars) when buyers purchase an energy efficient home or make energy savings renovations. RRAP offers financial assistance to low-income households who own and occupy substandard housing to enable them to repair their dwellings to a minimum level of health and safety. For more information on RRAP see the August 25, 2006 issue of <i>The Open House</i>.</p>
9	<p>Terasen Gas ENERGY STAR® Qualified Heating System Upgrade For information go to www.terasengas.com/Promotions/Current+Promotions/_EnergyStarHeating.htm or phone 604.697.5700.</p>	<p>Provides coupons and rebates of up to \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new ENERGY STAR® qualified gas heating system as well as gas bill credits.</p>
10	<p>BC Hydro Fridge Buy-Back Program For information go to www.bchydro.com/powersmart/fridge/fridge8437.html For free pick-up of your refrigerator(s) phone 604.881.HELP (4357).</p>	<p>Rebates BC Hydro customers \$30 to turn in their old, inefficient, second refrigerator. Fridges must measure between 10 and 24 cubic feet and still work. Will pick up a maximum of two refrigerators.</p>
11	<p>BC Hydro Windows Rebate Program For more information go to www.bchydro.com/powersmart/reno/reno8621.html.</p>	<p>Customers who buy and install ENERGY STAR® approved windows by February 28, 2007 may be eligible for a rebate of \$2.00 per square foot of window on their BC Hydro heating bill.</p>

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