



Update Re: ecoENERGY Registration Closure and Post-Retrofit Evaluation Extension January 30, 2012

The LiveSmart BC Efficiency Incentive program will remain open to new participants until March 31, 2013. The federal ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes program is closed to new registrations as of January 28th, having reached its goal of 250,000 registered homeowners. This will give all federally registered homeowners the opportunity to apply for and receive a federal grant for their eligible retrofit upgrades. Participants that have a registration number but have not yet had an energy assessment are still able to book an energy assessment.

British Columbians that have not already accessed incentives from either the LiveSmart BC Efficiency Incentive program or the federal ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program are still eligible to access the existing LiveSmart BC incentives. The first step to access LiveSmart BC incentives is to book a home energy efficiency evaluation by a certified energy advisor. No federal registration number is required to book an energy efficiency evaluation for homeowners who are only accessing the LiveSmart BC incentives.

To help ensure that federal ecoENERGY program participants have the opportunity to complete their required post-retrofit evaluation and apply for a grant, the deadline to complete a post-retrofit evaluation has been extended to June 30, 2012. To be eligible for these federal ecoENERGY incentives, all upgrades must still be completed by March 31, 2012. Upgrades completed after March 31, 2012 remain eligible for LiveSmart BC incentives.

LiveSmart BC program participants must have their follow-up assessment within 18 months of their pre-retrofit assessment or before March 31, 2013, whichever comes first. Program participants can only have one follow-up evaluation. If a homeowner chooses to have a follow-up evaluation before June 30, 2012 to be eligible for the federal ecoENERGY incentives, that evaluation will be also be for the LiveSmart BC program. Participants will not be able to do further work later and access additional incentives from the LiveSmart BC program.

Important dates for participants to consider:

April 1, 2011 - Provincial LiveSmart BC program launch – Participants that have not already accessed incentives from the provincial LiveSmart BC or federal ecoENERGY programs can have a pre-retrofit evaluation as the first step to becoming eligible for renewed LiveSmart BC program incentives.

June 6, 2011 – Products and equipment purchased and installed on or after this date are eligible for ecoENERGY incentives (only for homes that have had a pre-retrofit evaluation performed since April 2007 and have a valid registration number *).

January 28, 2012 – Registrations closed for participation in the federal ecoENERGY program.

March 31, 2012 – Deadline to purchase and install eligible products and equipment to access the federal ecoENERGY incentives.

June 30, 2012 - Deadline to have a follow-up evaluation to assess upgrades for the federal ecoENERGY program.

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March 31, 2013 – Deadline to have a follow-up evaluation to assess upgrades for the LiveSmart BC program. **

* **NOTE:** A pre-retrofit evaluation conducted between April 1, 2007 and April 1, 2011 is sufficient for federal ecoENERGY eligibility. The LiveSmart BC program requires homes to have a pre-retrofit evaluation after April 1, 2011 to qualify for the provincial program.

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For questions on the ecoENERGY program please call 1-877-953-5454 or visit www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/retrofit/dates

For questions on the LiveSmart BC program please call 1-866-430-8765 or visit www.livesmartbc.ca/rebates