

EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION REWARDED THROUGH \$60M LIVESMART BC

The new LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program invests \$60 million over three years to help British Columbians reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs through upgrades.

The rebates and incentives are organized into two regions: Interior and Rural, and South Coastal. The zones are based on the amount of energy needed to heat homes each year. For example in the Interior and Rural zone, purchasing an efficient gas furnace gets a rebate of up to \$1,130. In the South Coastal zone, the rebate is up to \$770.

British Columbians across the province share a common concern over the future of our environment and we all have a role to play by making environmentally responsible choices. By design, the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program ensures that British Columbians have an opportunity to come out ahead financially.

By making the upgrades, homeowners can get cash back and qualify for provincial, utility and federal grants. Through the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program all British Columbians can benefit by:

- ▶ saving money
- ▶ increasing their home's or small business' comfort and value
- ▶ reducing their impact on the environment.

The LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program provides more incentives for less energy. You choose and you save. The incentives for homes help cover costs for high efficiency furnaces and water heaters, insulation, increased air tightness with heat recovery ventilators, windows and doors, heat pumps and renewable energy. If homeowners increase their overall efficiency rating to meet LiveSmart Gold or Silver standards, they will receive an extra bonus in addition to the incentives received for each efficiency upgrade.

Certified energy advisors will visit homes and provide energy efficiency assessments. The advisors will also show homeowners the most cost effective ways to reduce energy consumption and save money. Small businesses can arrange a free energy assessment by BC Hydro or FortisBC for small buildings with up to \$50,000 of annual electricity consumption.

More information on the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program is available at www.gov.bc.ca/empr or by calling toll free to 1 866 430-8765.