

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Homeowner Program Information

Upgrading your current home? Through the Home Improvement Program, you can receive immediate rebates on ENERGY STAR® windows, insulation and more, and see real savings on your energy bill for years to come.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You must be a customer of FortisBC, or one of the following municipal utilities: Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland or Nelson Hydro. Your home must be electrically heated (electric baseboard, electric forced air, electric boiler, and air source or ground source heat pumps).

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Energy Star Windows Rebate

ENERGY STAR® labeled windows are an excellent long-term investment in comfort and value for your family and home because they can increase comfort by keeping your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer, and lower your bill by reducing heating costs. Rebate is based on \$0.50 per sq. ft.

Insulation Upgrade

Proper insulation helps keep your home cool in the summer, and warm in the winter. It comes in a variety of types including mineral or organic material, plastic foam, spray foam, glass fibers, batts, blankets, rigid foamboard or fiberboard. Insulation performance is measured by R-value, which refers to its ability to resist heat flow. The higher the R-value, the better, however different R-values are recommended for walls, attics, basements and crawlspaces, depending on the area you live. Rebate is calculated at \$0.05 per kWh in savings.

Compact fluorescent light bulb rebate (Up to \$5 per bulb)

CFLs use 75% less energy, last up to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs, and are available for a wide variety of fixtures.

High Efficiency Heating & Cooling Systems:

Air source heat pump (ASHP) rebate or loan

An air source heat pump can save you up to 40% on your home's heating and cooling costs, and provide you with heat in the winter and cooling in the summer. Rebate is calculated at \$0.05 per kWh in savings, with an average rebate on a 2000 sq. ft. home being approximately \$300. You can also apply for a loan of up to \$5000 OAC financed over 10 years at 4.9%.

Ground source heat pump (GSHP) rebate or loan

A ground source heat pump can save you up to 65% on your home's heating and cooling costs, and provide you with heat in the winter and cooling in the summer. Rebate is calculated at \$0.05 per kWh in savings, with an average rebate on a 4000 sq. ft. home being approximately \$1000. You can also apply for a loan of up to \$5000 OAC financed over 10 years at 4.9%.

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Contact your local FortisBC PowerSense representative for an application form, or download an application from www.fortisbc.com

*****LiveSmart BC Incentives Program *To maximize rebates for existing houses FortisBC PowerSense recommends to do the LiveSmartBC Efficiency Incentive Program. As a home owner you will receive the FortisBC rebate through the LiveSmart BC Incentives. LiveSmartBC acts as a one stop shop program to access incentives from utilities, provincial and federal. LiveSmart BC is a \$60-million government project running until March 31, 2011. This program offers incentives for energy-efficient upgrades, drawing together both federal and provincial promotions. The first step in the program is to have an [energy audit](#).**

Home Renovation Tax Credit - a new renovation tax credit of up to \$1,350 toward a wide variety of home improvements, <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/gncy/bdgt/2009>

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Application Form



My home is **primarily electrically heated** (electric baseboard, electric forced air, electric boiler, and air source or ground source heat pumps). I am a FortisBC customer, or a customer of one of the following electric utilities: Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland or Nelson Hydro.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Utility Account #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

House Floor Size (sq. ft.): Basement: _____ Main Floor: _____ 2nd Floor +: _____

Primary Electric Heat Type:

Electric forced air Electric baseboard Air source heat pump Ground source heat pump

Secondary Heat Type:

Natural Gas Propane Oil Other: _____

Windows Upgrade (\$0.50 per sq. ft. of window):

Single pane to ENERGYSTAR® (sq. ft.): _____ Thermopane to ENERGYSTAR® (sq. ft.): _____

Insulation Upgrade:

Walls	Sq Feet	Existing R Value	Added R Value	Total R-Value

I declare that I am the homeowner and that the information on this form is to the best of my knowledge accurate and complete.

Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date (dd/mm/yy):** _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Attach invoices (copies are acceptable). Invoices **must** clearly show items purchased, quantity (if applicable) and total cost.

Sign and date application form.

Fax or mail application form and receipts to your local PowerSense representative (see contact information below)

For more information, please contact your local FortisBC PowerSense Representative:

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