



## green building bulletin...

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### **Introducing the Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) ...a new grant program offering free home energy assessments and home energy upgrades to low income homeowners.**

The **Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP)** is a new BC Hydro funded program now available to low income homeowners and renters on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, and the Southern Interior of BC. The ECAP program provides free energy assessments and energy efficiency upgrades to qualifying low income individuals.

**City Green Solutions**, a non-profit organization, is providing the energy assessments for this BC Hydro program and will be undertaking some outreach work for the program. We would be happy to meet to discuss opportunities for City Green to assist your association communicate the ECAP program to residents in your community. We would welcome your recommendations as to who would be the best person with your organization to speak with about this program.

If there is interest, some ideas for communicating the ECAP program to your residents include:

- Short summaries for newsletters
- Information on your website
- Brochures in your office
- Outreach to community groups and community centres (staffed and unstaffed booths, etc)
- Presentations

**City Green is able to undertake the all the work required to develop and implement ECAP outreach activities in your area and can provide brochures, presentations and written material for websites and newsletters. We are also interested in your ideas for how we can best communicate this program offer to people in your community.**

If this is of interest, please let me know and we will follow up further.

Best Regards,

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**More Details...**

## Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) Overview For Applicants

### Energy Conservation Assistance Program Available for Homeowners and Renters

ECAP provides qualified low-income BC Hydro residential account holders with a home energy evaluation, the installation of energy saving products, and personalized energy efficiency advice. All of this is free of charge to the participant and the local government.

#### Energy saving products that may be installed include:

- Energy saving light bulbs (CFLs) indoor and outdoor
- Faucet aerators for the kitchen and bathroom
- Low-flow showerhead
- Water heater pipe wrap and blanket
- Draftproofing, such as weatherstripping, caulking and outlet gaskets
- Insulation for attics, walls and crawlspaces
- Low-wattage night light
- ENERGY STAR® refrigerator replacement

Every home is different. Your home evaluator will determine which energy efficiency upgrades your home is eligible for. The installation of some products may require multiple visits.

#### Who qualifies for the program?

1. Do you have a BC Hydro residential account number?
2. Do you live in a low-income household in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, or Southern Interior?
3. Is your annual electricity consumption over 8,000 kWh a year, or do your electricity bills exceed \$500 per year?

If you answered yes to all of the above questions, you may qualify. Applicants must provide proof of income for every member of the household 18 years or older by providing a Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency. Your combined household income must be below the Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO) as published by Statistics Canada. Low-income cutoffs vary by where you live (population) and by the number of people in your household. You can view the LICO table on the [Energy Conservation Assistance Program Application Form](#)

#### Help for renters/Landlords

If you have a BC Hydro account but rent your home, you may be able to participate by having your landlord complete a [Landlord Consent Form](#) which is specifically designed for rental situations. BC Hydro will review all applications and determine if your home qualifies for the ECAP.

#### Here's how you apply

Print out and complete the [Energy Conservation Assistance Program Application Form](#) and submit it to BC Hydro. Be sure to include your proof of income documents, sign the bottom of the second page, and if you rent your home, remember to provide the [Landlord Consent Form](#).

If you have questions about marketing this program or about the application process, please contact

City Green at 250.381.9995 (Greater Victoria) or toll free 1.866.381.9995.

## Home Energy Assessments & Grants for non-low income homeowners...

If you or other community homeowners your represent are not eligible for this program and would like to find out about other energy efficiency grant programs available please call City Green 250.381.9995 or toll free at 1.866.381.9995. Ask us about the [LiveSmart BC grant program](#) and other available financing, rebates, and energy saving services.

All the best,  
Peter Sundberg

## about City Green...

**Our Commitment:** [City Green Solutions](#) is an enterprising non-profit with a mission to excite, inspire and lead British Columbians in finding innovative home and building energy efficiency solutions. We are the only non-profit provider of the [LiveSmart BC and ecoENERGY programs](#) in BC. We reinvest profits in energy saving programs for the affordable housing sector ([www.affordablewarmth.ca](http://www.affordablewarmth.ca)) .

**Our Services:** We offer Energy Modeling on Homes and Buildings, [Thermal Imaging](#), [Combustion Spillage Testing](#), Green Building Rating Consultations, Customized Energy Efficiency Outreach Programs, Research and Evaluation Services, and Energy Efficiency Education and Training. City Green has an [A+ rating](#) with the Better Business Bureau. [Book a home energy assessment today!](#)

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