

# HEATING AND COOLING INCENTIVE

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## 2012 HEATING & COOLING INCENTIVE Results

The 2012 initiative is currently at 35% towards the target. Since we are just at the beginning of the cooling season, we should expect to see the results increase over the next few months.

Rebate	Target	Actual	% to Target	Pending	Total	% to Target
ECM	55,500	14,171	26%	5,737	19,908	36%
CAC	30,000	6,643	22%	3,693	10,336	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>20,814</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>30,244</b>	<b>35%</b>



## New "Under Review" Status

Please be informed that on Friday, June 15th, 2012, a new submission status was added to the online submission system. The new status is "Under Review" and will appear in the "Claim Status" field on the online claim form. A claim that has been screened for eligibility and is waiting for payment to be issued by the OPA will have the "Under Review" status.



## Hydrocarbon Refrigerant DIY Kits for Air Conditioning Systems

Anyone who has ever forgotten to lift the lid before lighting their propane barbecue knows how volatile, and highly flammable propane can be. Would you then risk using such a potentially hazardous product in your air conditioning system?

This is exactly what mass marketers and retailers are suggesting that home and building owners do by promoting a hydrocarbon refrigerant "Do-It-Yourself (DIY)" kit as a replacement refrigerant gas for residential or commercial air conditioning systems. Unlike the non-flammable refrigerants used by a qualified air conditioning technician, hydrocarbon refrigerants are made up of a mixture of propane and isobutene and are extremely flammable similar to the gas in a barbecue tank.

The use of such a flammable refrigerant in a home or building can create a serious fire and explosion risk as the heating and air conditioning systems typically involve combustion flames and spark igniters that are potential ignition sources.

In addition to the potential for fire and explosion, the refrigerants used in these DIY kits are not approved for use in air conditioning systems already installed in the home or business and their use could cause environmental damage if the existing refrigerants in these systems are not properly recovered. Improper mixing of existing refrigerant with the DIY hydrocarbon refrigerant could also have a negative impact on the operation of the air conditioning system, potentially causing added repair or replacement expenses to the home or building owner.

Prior to purchasing these hydrocarbon refrigerant DIY kits, home and business owners should be fully aware of the potential hazards and liability of using hydrocarbon refrigerants in air conditioning systems. Technicians should also proceed with caution if they suspect home owners may have tampered with their air conditioning system.

Click on the link for additional information about [hydrocarbon refrigerants](#).



## OPA's Commercial RETROFIT PROGRAM

Do you do commercial as well as residential work? If so, are you aware of the OPA's commercial replacement program for those whose cooling systems qualify?

The RETROFIT PROGRAM provides substantial financial incentives for replacing existing equipment with high efficiency equipment and for installing new control systems that will improve the efficiency of your operational procedures and processes.

There are three ways to start conserving energy with this program:

1. PRESCRIPTIVE Track
2. ENGINEERED Track
3. CUSTOM Track

Up to 50% of project costs are available.

The PRESCRIPTIVE track allows you to select from a defined list of end-use measures that come with a corresponding per-unit incentive, including unitary A/C's. If your project involves upgrading existing equipment, the incentive amount would depend on the type, efficiency and quantity of equipment you install.

The ENGINEERED track consists of a series of preset calculation worksheets that help you estimate reductions in peak demand and/or electricity consumption that apply to the installation of more energy-efficient equipment or solutions. Based on the reductions in peak demand and/or electricity consumption,

the worksheet will calculate the incentive amount.

The CUSTOM track is available for more complex or innovative solutions not covered in the **PRESCRIPTIVE** or **ENGINEERED** track, and not on the pre-defined list. Technology, equipment and system improvements are evaluated on their demand and energy-performance. Incentives are paid after installation, and once the savings have been measured and verified.

The incentives are based on the information you provide specific to your project.

For more detailed information regarding this initiative, you may visit [saveonenergy.ca](http://saveonenergy.ca).



## Ontario Ban on Incandescent Light Bulbs

To ensure a consistent approach and to make compliance easier for consumers, retailers and manufacturers, the province has proposed to harmonize compliance dates for incandescent light bulbs with the federal government.

Starting on January 1, 2014, the import of inefficient incandescent lighting will be banned in Ontario along with all provinces across Canada.

At the same time, energy-efficiency levels will increase for 100- and 75-watt light bulbs. And by the end of 2014, efficiency levels will also be raised for 60- and 40-watt light bulbs.

To learn more about energy efficiency, visit [saveonenergy.ca](http://saveonenergy.ca)

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