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saveONenergy Web Site

Click the link above to go to the OPA's saveONenergy website.

Contractor Log On:

Click the link above to log on with your contractor number and username

Consumer Incentive Look Up:

Consumers can look up the status of their claim by entering their incentive ID and postal code

HRAI

Click the link above to go to HRAI home page.

Contractor Orientation

Click the link above to go to the H&CI contractor orientation home page

AHRI Number Directory

Click the link above to go to the AHRI directory

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2011 HEATING AND COOLING INCENTIVE Results

The 2011 HEATING AND COOLING INCENTIVE is continuing to pick up momentum as we approach the cooling season. If the pending and submitted claims (i.e. those completed by the contractor but not yet acted upon by the consumer) are included, the program has now reached 35% of the annual target.

Rebate	Target	Actual	% to Target	Pending	Total	% to Target
ECM	53,000	13,002	25%	5,199	18,201	34%
CAC	28,500	7,840	28%	2,170	10,010	35%
Total	81,500	20,842	26%	7,369	28,211	35%

Save ecoENERGY Coalition

The Save ecoENERGY Coalition is a group of industry supporters made up of associations including HRAI, NAIMA Canada (North American Insulation Manufacturers Association) & SAWDAC (The Siding and Window Dealers Association of Canada), as well as multiple environmental organizations, small businesses and others.

The Coalition supporters sent a letter directly to Prime Minister Harper in early May, outlining that it is essential to establish a national plan to sustain ecoENERGY home energy activity without the requirement of ongoing federal home retrofit grants. The Coalition recommends a 3 step plan that builds on three well-supported strategies. The goal is to enable the marketplace to sustain ecoENERGY activity without the need for any ongoing federal grants within four years.

Step 1. Four-year renewal of federal ecoENERGY Home Retrofit program.

Step 2. Transition to new EnerGuide rating system (ERS).

Step 3. ERS labeling of new and existing homes at time-of-sale.

There is widespread national support for each of these strategies.

Coalition supporters appreciate the government's commitment to extend the ecoENERGY Home Retrofit program by an additional year. However, they are very concerned that a one-year extension does not allow enough time for the federal government and ERS stakeholders to complete work on steps 2 and 3 above.

Therefore, the coalition is strongly recommending that the government renew ecoENERGY for a four-year interim period. This will provide the time and predictable conditions necessary to complete the three-step plan, thereby, enabling the marketplace to sustain ecoENERGY activity without the need for any further federal home retrofit grants.

Ride for Habitat

HRAI, along with the Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH) will sponsor a motorcycle ride to raise money for Habitat for Humanity in August.

The first Habitat Ride took place last September and drew 30 riders to a route through the back roads of Southern Ontario. It began in Toronto and ended with lunch in Newmarket, Ontario.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20th and is expected to attract upwards of 100 riders. The fundraising goal has been set at \$10,000. Registration is expected to be \$50 per bike, with participants also collecting sponsors to support Habitat.

This year, the event will start from 5 different locations, with riders ending up in Barrie, Ontario for a barbeque courtesy of HRAI Huronia Chapter, with assistance from Habitat for Humanity in Barrie. The starting locations will be:

- Vaughan (North Toronto)
- Peterborough (with riders from Kingston and Belleville joining this group)
- Hamilton
- Waterloo
- Midland

Organizers expect to launch registration and fundraising at www.rideforhabitat.ca on June 15th. So you're invited to send in the registration and show up on Aug. 20th with lots of pledges!

Documentation Updates for HEATING & COOLING INCENTIVE

We would like to remind all registered participants in the HEATING & COOLING INCENTIVE initiative that it is your obligation to ensure that your company's documents in our records, such as technician's licenses, proof of insurance, etc. are always up to date. You may fax updated documents directly to our offices at 905-602-1197, attention Trish Thompson or Nancy Larsen.

Canadians Frosty Even in the Summer

According to a very recent study conducted by the University of Toronto and Direct Energy, approximately 64% of Canadian homeowners who use air conditioning set their thermostats at a very cold 22 degrees Celsius or lower. By using a programmable thermostat and bumping the temperature from 22 to 24 degrees, homeowners can really make an impact on their electricity bill. The study also indicated that approximately 47% of those that lower their thermostat are unaware of how much energy they're actually consuming. The study also showed that:

- Seventy-seven per cent of Canadian homeowners are unaware that their central cooling and heating system is the biggest energy waster in their home.
- Twenty per cent of Canadian homeowners said that they set their thermostat at a chilly 19 degrees or lower, while another 30 per cent set their thermostat between 20-22 degrees.
- Fifteen per cent of Canadian homeowners don't know how much electricity they consume per month, but do not care how much they consume.
- When it comes to spring cleaning, only 12 per cent of Canadians homeowners planned to get rid of old appliances that could be upgraded to more efficient ones.

Take Note

- Please be reminded that if you install mix-matched systems (i.e. a condenser & coil and/or furnace from different manufacturers) for your customers, you will not be able to locate a valid AHRI# for the combination on the AHRI Verified Directory (because different manufacturers don't test their products together), therefore, the combination of equipment cannot be validated and will be ineligible for the incentive.
 - If you are completing an online claim form for your customer and you're not able to locate the customer's street type under the drop down menu, please contact HRAI directly for assistance.
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