CIMA NATURALLY BETTER INSULATION

How do I access support from the Canada Greener Homes Grant?

Step 1:

Log on to the Natural Resources Canada website and select your province or territory. You must provide proof of ownership and show that the home is your primary residence to qualify.

Step 2:

Upon proof of eligibility, you will pay up-front for two EnerGuide evaluations, for which you will receive up to \$600. An EnerGuide home evaluation can help you understand how your home uses energy now and identify retrofits to help improve energy efficiency. An energy advisor will assess your home from basement to attic. This will give you an EnerGuide rating for your home and an energy efficiency report to help you make decisions about possible upgrades. The evaluations are for pre-retrofit and post-retrofit to ensure that all of the work has been done effectively.

Step 2B (optional):

Once you have received your pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation and decided which retrofits you would like to do, you can apply for a loan. The money will help cover the cost of retrofits that are both eligible and recommended by your energy advisor. To apply for the loan, you must provide at least one cost estimate for the retrofits, and you will receive the loan only after the completed work has been verified through the post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation.

Step 3:

After your pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation has been completed and you have your home's EnerGuide label, Homeowner Information Sheet, and Renovation Upgrade Report, it's time to retrofit your home! Canadian homeowners are eligible for up to \$5,000 in upgrades to your insulation. All products and equipment must be purchased in Canada. Online purchases are only eligible if they are ordered from a distributor located in Canada. Purchasing cellulose insulation from a CIMA Producer Member located in Canada means your insulation has met CAN/ULC-S703 standards.

Step 4:

Once the retrofits are finished, book your post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation with a registered service organization. After the evaluation is complete, confirm that this step has been done through the Canada Greener Homes Grant portal.

Step 5:

To request and receive your grant, first review the results of your post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation and confirm the grant amount. Next, upload the invoices and receipts from your energy efficiency purchases (including products and installation costs) to the portal. Upon submission of all documents and review by National Resources Canada officers, you will be prompted to log in into the portal and confirm your grant total to receive your grant. This process can take up to 40 days.

Step 6:

Voilà! Enjoy your new energy efficient home.

CIMA suggests reaching out to your province's retrofit/new home construction programs as well. These vary by province but can easily double the amount available in many cases. For a directory of all energy efficiency programs available in Canada, visit www.nrcan.gc.ca.

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