

INFORMATION BRIEF

Federal Government announces end to federal ecoENERGY grants – March 31, 2010

The ecoENERGY Home Retrofit Program was developed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) as an incentive for Canadian homeowners to complete energy efficiency upgrades on their homes.

ATCO EnergySense is a service organization that delivers this service to ATCO customers across the province.

The federal government announced on March 31, 2010 that the grant portion of the federal ecoENERGY Retrofit Program has ended effective immediately.

ATCO EnergySense will ensure that their customers who have already entered the program by completing a pre-retrofit evaluation or have booked an appointment for a pre-retrofit evaluation will remain eligible for federal grant money. Participants need to be aware of the 18-month deadline (from the date of the pre-retrofit evaluation) or the program end date of March 31, 2011 - whichever comes first.

The Alberta rebate program has not changed.

Anyone who would like to enter the ecoENERGY Retrofit Program and have a home energy evaluation completed in order to receive an EnerGuide rating number can still do so. The program infrastructure and administration is still in place, but the federal grants are now no longer offered.

Residents in Alberta who have not entered the program are still encouraged to do so despite the absence of federal grants. The Government of Alberta is continuing all of the provincial rebates, including the three tied to the federal program. Currently, the provincial government has a data-sharing agreement with the federal government so that any Albertan participating in the federal program is automatically awarded the appropriate provincial rebates. This will not change.

We encourage customers to contact ATCO EnergySense toll-free at 310-SAVE (7283) with additional questions.

For questions pertaining to provincial rebates, please contact Climate Change Central toll-free at 1-888-537-7202.