

# Green Guide

## There's help to go green!

### SAVE ENERGY AT HOME

#### **Rebates & Incentives**

Note: The federal government has announced cancellation of its EcoENERGY rebate program as of March 31, 2010. You still qualify for the rebates as long as you had your first audit or had booked an audit by March 31, 2010, and you must complete your second audit before March 31, 2011.

Ontario Home Energy Savings: provincial rebate program for energy audits and retrofits  
[www.homeenergyontario.ca](http://www.homeenergyontario.ca)

Home Energy Assistance Toronto: financial assistance from City of Toronto for home insulation  
[http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/home\\_energy\\_heat.html](http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/home_energy_heat.html)

#### **Energy Auditors In Toronto**

Green\$aver 416-203-3106 [www.greensaver.org](http://www.greensaver.org)  
Windfall Ecology Centre 416-465-6333 [www.windfallcentre.ca/ecoenergy](http://www.windfallcentre.ca/ecoenergy)  
Enwise 1-877-484-5164 [www.enwisepower.com](http://www.enwisepower.com)  
Energyguy 1-877-636-3748 [www.energuy.ca](http://www.energuy.ca)  
CarsonDunlop 416-964-9415 [www.CarsonDunlop.com](http://www.CarsonDunlop.com)  
Greentech Services 1-877-876-6555 [www.greentechservices.ca](http://www.greentechservices.ca)  
ACAN Energy Solutions 1-888-982-0084

For more energy auditors, go to:

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/personal/new-home-improvement/contact-advisors.cfm>

#### **Financial Assistance For Low-Income Households**

Home Weatherization Retrofit Program

<https://portal-plumprod.cgc.enbridge.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=832>

#### **Reduce Air Conditioning Use**

If you have central air conditioning you can have a peaksaver switch installed to have Toronto Hydro automatically turn down your air conditioner during times of peak demand (for homes and businesses) & get a \$75 credit on your Hydro bill.

[https://www.peaksaver.com/peaksaver\\_THESL.html](https://www.peaksaver.com/peaksaver_THESL.html)

#### **Purchase Energy Efficient Appliances**

EnergyStar products: (appliances, heating, cooling, ventilation equipment, lighting, electronics, office equipment, windows & doors, new houses) For list go to

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar/index.html?attr=4>

## **Publications**

Natural Resources Canada offers numerous publications including: Keeping the Heat In, Air Leakage Control, Improving Window Energy Efficiency, Choose the Right Condensing Gas Furnace, Standby Power - When “off” Means “on”

[www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/infosource/home/index.cfm](http://www.oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/infosource/home/index.cfm)

Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation offers numerous publications

[www.cmhc.ca](http://www.cmhc.ca)

## **GO SOLAR**

To do an online solar roof assessment of your home, go to [www.ourpower.ca](http://www.ourpower.ca)

For WISE (West Toronto Initiative for Solar Energy) go to

<http://www.ourpower.ca/community/wise>

For “Go Solar: Your Guide to Harnessing the Power of the Sun” go to

[http://www.summerhillgroup.ca/eng/documents/GoSolar\\_Book.pdf](http://www.summerhillgroup.ca/eng/documents/GoSolar_Book.pdf)

To buy green power from Bullfrog Power go to <http://www.bullfrogpower.com/home/ontario.cfm>

## **SAVE WATER**

Did you know that 30% of the City of Toronto’s electrical costs are for pumping and treating water? If you save water you are saving energy.

If you purchase a water saving dual flush or low flow toilet you can receive a rebate from the City of Toronto: <http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/flush/index.htm>

If you purchase a water saving front loading washing machine you can receive a rebate from the City of Toronto: <http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/washer/>

## **GARDEN SMART**

Plant a tree.

Front Yard Tree from City of Toronto: [http://www.toronto.ca/trees/tree\\_planting.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/trees/tree_planting.htm)

Back Yard Tree from LEAF <http://www.leafontario.org/>

Install a Rain Barrel. Two of the several suppliers are Riversides <http://www.riversides.org/> and the City of Toronto [http://www.toronto.ca/environment\\_days/activities.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/environment_days/activities.htm)

Grow a low-water garden using native plants. For information on water-efficient gardens:

City of Toronto [www.toronto.ca/watereff/tips/xeriscaping.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/tips/xeriscaping.htm)

Evergreen <http://www.evergreen.ca/en>

Help harvest. “not far from the tree” uses volunteers to help fruit tree owners harvest their fruit [www.notfarfromthetree.org](http://www.notfarfromthetree.org)

Join a gardening group. Growing for Green is a gardening group based in Toronto's Ward 21. It offers educational workshops, garden tours, volunteer gardening opportunities and social networking to local gardeners. <http://growingforgreen.wordpress.com/>

Share your yard. You can share some space in your yard with a community member who would like to grow their own food, but does not have their own garden. Join YIMBY (Yes, in My Backyard). Contact Liz at The Stop Community Food Centre [liz@thestop.org](mailto:liz@thestop.org).

Receive a free Summer WaterSaver Visit from the City of Toronto, and get advice on a water-efficient garden. Call 416-392-7000.

## EAT LOCAL

For a list of farmers' markets in Toronto go to [www.tfmn.ca](http://www.tfmn.ca) (Toronto Farmers' Market Network)

For a list of restaurants that serve, and stores that sell, local sustainable food, go to [www.localfoodplus.ca](http://www.localfoodplus.ca) (Local Food Plus)

For information about community gardens, community kitchens, the good food box, and student nutrition programs, go to [www.foodshare.net](http://www.foodshare.net)

## WASTE LESS

Information about Toronto's garbage, recycling, green bin and household hazardous waste programs:

[www.toronto.ca/garbage/programs.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/programs.htm)

Toronto's Community Environment Days - Schedule & List of items you can drop off & pick up [www.toronto.ca/environment\\_days/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/environment_days/index.htm)

City of Toronto's ReUseit Guide lists over 30 not-for-profit agencies & what used goods they accept: [www.toronto.ca/reuseit/](http://www.toronto.ca/reuseit/)

The Great Refrigerator Roundup

Free pick-up of old energy-guzzling fridges (also A/Cs, freezers and dehumidifiers if meet criteria) [www.everykilowattcounts.com/roundup](http://www.everykilowattcounts.com/roundup)

Keep Cool

Bring in an old air conditioner and receive a \$25 gift card for Home Depot.

[http://www.homedepot.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/DisplayTemplate?storeId=10051&catalogId=10051&langId=-15&display=event\\_keep\\_cool](http://www.homedepot.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/DisplayTemplate?storeId=10051&catalogId=10051&langId=-15&display=event_keep_cool)

## MORE INFORMATION

Go to [www.toronto.ca/livegreen](http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen) (Live Green Toronto)

Go to [www.powerwise.ca](http://www.powerwise.ca)

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