



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN**  
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**Home Improvement Rebates, Tax Credits and More**

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Canadian Environment Week was a huge success; thank you to all those that visited the displays at Cherry Lane and participated in the draws. Homeowners that want to take more action to improve energy efficiency and air quality can now save even more money with new rebate and tax credit programs from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The Provincial Government's LiveSmart BC Efficiency Incentive program and the Federal Government's ecoEnergy program provide cash back for energy efficient upgrades to your home. The updated program now includes larger rebates for woodstove replacement, as well as new rebates for replacing boilers and furnaces and rebates for power generation (wind, solar, etc). A Certified Energy Advisor will assist you with the renovation and rebate process and ensure that you receive rebates from both programs.

The Federal Government's Home Renovation Tax Credit can also be combined with the LiveSmart and ecoEnergy programs for additional savings. A 15% credit can be claimed on the portion of eligible projects exceeding \$1000, but not more than \$10 000, meaning there is a maximum tax credit of \$1350.

In addition to these programs for improving energy efficiency, you can improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emission with the BC Scrap-It program for older vehicles. Vehicle owners that choose to scrap a 1995 or older vehicle that has been insured for the past year can qualify for rebates up to \$2250 for the purchase of 2004 or newer cars, or \$300 cash if you are not purchasing a car.

For more information:

- LiveSmart BC and ecoEnergy Program – [www.livesmartbc.ca/rebates](http://www.livesmartbc.ca/rebates) or 1.866.430.8765
- Government of Canada's Home Renovation Tax Credit – 1.800.622.6232
- BC Scrap-It program – [www.scrapit.ca](http://www.scrapit.ca) or 1.888.655.1000
- Contact Kate Bergen, Climate Action Facilitator, at 250-490-4211 or [Kate.Bergen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kate.Bergen@gov.bc.ca) for more information on any of these programs

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