



Provincial Grants for Residential Property Owners

Energy experts are ready to help

Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses (SEGH) was developed by the Government of Saskatchewan to help you make choices that improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home.

Independent energy advisors, licensed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), are available to visit your home to identify how your home both uses energy and where it is being wasted. Advisors will explain to ways to reduce your energy use while ensuring a healthy indoor environment for your family. They will perform an air leakage test on your home and provide you with an EnerGuide label displaying how efficient your home is.

The Government of Saskatchewan subsidizes half the cost of the evaluation fee reducing your up front costs to participate in the SEGH program.

Based on the retrofits completed, it is estimated that the average home will reduce their energy consumption by 20% and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by up to 3 tonnes!



Grants are available for energy efficient retrofits

The Government of Saskatchewan provides grants to property owners who complete energy efficient retrofits based on the results of their SEGH evaluation.

The grant amount is based on carrying out specific energy efficient retrofits such as upgrading your heating, cooling, and ventilation system; increasing insulation levels; upgrading your domestic hot water system; a solar hot water system and/or a drain-water heat recovery (DWHR) system. As well, other energy saving recommendations such as ENERGY STAR® windows, light fixtures and clothes washers, and gas clothes dryers.

Only homeowners who have completed a pre-retrofit evaluation by a licensed energy advisor will be eligible for a grant.

For a complete list of eligible retrofits and the corresponding grant amounts, please contact a SEGH service organization or visit saskenergy.com.

Experience the benefits of Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses

Find out where your energy dollars go

You can have peace of mind knowing the energy advisors are providing you unbiased advice. A thorough basement-to-attic assessment of your home's energy use is completed. The energy advisor's report will help you plan priority retrofits so you know which changes will save you the most energy and money.

Compare your home's energy use to other homes

After both the pre-retrofit evaluation and post-retrofit evaluation your energy advisor will provide you with an EnerGuide for Houses rating label that proves your home's energy efficiency and increase after upgrades. It also displays where your home rates in comparison to other homes.

Grants to help cover a portion of your retrofit expenses

Your grant is calculated based on specific improvements and the impact those improvements have on the energy efficiency of your home. For example, upgrading your furnace to an ENERGY STAR® qualified furnace with a 95% AFUE with a brushless DC motor will increase your home's energy efficiency substantially and will qualify you for a \$650 grant.

Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions and help our environment

Excess energy use is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions, the largest contributor to climate change. By using less energy you are helping create a greener future.



Who is eligible?

Any homeowner can participate if they own and live in or rent out their property. This includes detached, semi-detached, fully serviced four season properties and low-rise residential buildings that are no more than 3 stories high (with a footprint of less than 600 square meters), as well as mobile homes on a permanent foundation. Small businesses or organizations that use residential-sized equipment in a structure similar to a residential dwelling may also be eligible.

For full details on eligibility criteria, contact an SEGH service organization.

Homes that are more than 25 years old have the potential to reduce their annual energy use by up to 35%, which adds up to significant savings on your utility bills.

How does Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses work?

The SEGH service includes:

- a detailed energy evaluation of your home carried out by a licensed energy advisor;
- a series of specialized tests including a “blower door” test to find air leaks;
- a printed report that shows where your energy dollars are being spent and what you can do to improve your home’s energy efficiency; and
- an EnerGuide for Houses rating label that shows how energy efficient your home is compared to others in Saskatchewan

Your energy advisor will review eligible improvements, explain the details, and answer any questions you have about your home’s energy efficiency. SEGH is not a pre-purchase home inspection – it deals specifically with energy efficiency. If you are concerned about the structure or overall condition of your home, it is recommended you contact a home inspector.



How do I apply?

Step 1: Book a pre-retrofit evaluation

Contact a licensed SEGH service organization to book a pre-retrofit evaluation. The latest date to have a pre-retrofit evaluation completed is June 30th, 2013. There is a cost for the evaluation, please discuss with the service organization at the time of booking, including mileage if applicable. The provincial government subsidizes half of the cost of the pre-retrofit evaluation up to \$150 per home.

Step 2: Evaluation and review the results

An energy advisor will come to your house and perform an energy evaluation. They are required to take pictures of your home and specific equipment during the pre-retrofit evaluation. You will receive a homeowner report approximately two weeks after your evaluation with a list of recommended measures, eligible grant amounts, and an EnerGuide label.

Step 3: Complete your retrofits

You have 18 months from the date of your pre-retrofit evaluation or until October 31st, 2013, whichever comes first, to complete your retrofits and have your post-retrofit evaluation completed.

Step 4: Book a post-retrofit evaluation

Book an evaluation with the same SEGH service organization that completed your initial evaluation prior to the 18 month deadline or October 31st, 2013, whichever comes first. Make sure to call your Service Organization early to book a post-retrofit evaluation to ensure they can schedule your appointment prior to the deadline. The provincial government subsidizes half the cost of the post-retrofit evaluation up to \$100.

Step 5: Receive your grants

After your post-retrofit evaluation is completed, the SEGH service organization will submit your file to SaskEnergy who administers the grants on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. You don’t need to do anything else – the grant will be mailed to you within 90 days.

The maximum grant per property is \$5,000.

Your privacy is protected

Personal information is required to process your grant application. Any personal information that you provide is protected under the federal *Privacy Act*. The application form provided to you by your service advisor provides full details on why data is collected and how it is protected.

Schedule your evaluation today!

For more information on the Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses program or to book an evaluation, please contact the following Saskatchewan service organization:

Sun Ridge Group

Ph: (800) 667-3700 or (306) 665-2525

Website: www.sunridgegroup.ca

For general inquires on the Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses, visit saskenergy.com or call toll-free 1-800-567-8899

