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Homeowners Reminded of Upcoming EnerGuide Deadline

Homeowners are reminded to apply for the Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses (SEGH) grant program as the final deadline to participate is approaching. Individuals who plan to make home energy efficiency upgrades have until June 30, 2013 to complete their pre-retrofit evaluation through a qualified independent energy advisor. Homeowners must complete their energy retrofits and have their post-retrofit evaluation completed by October 31, 2013 to receive a grant for qualifying upgrades.

The SEGH program began in November 2005 and was renewed for a further two years in 2011, with SaskEnergy administering the program on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. Over the past eight years, more Saskatchewan homeowners as a percentage of households have made energy efficiency improvements to their homes through SEGH than anywhere else in Canada.

As of April 30, 2013 over 68,400 Saskatchewan households have completed a pre-retrofit evaluation. Of those households, more than 53,900 have completed energy efficiency renovations to their home and received a grant from the Province of Saskatchewan. This represents over 16.9% of the homes in Saskatchewan compared to the national participation average of 9.3%.

“The EnerGuide for Houses program has created positive and significant change in Saskatchewan and accomplished its target objectives, such as educating homeowners and industry about changes that can be made to improve the energy efficiency of homes,” said Doug Kelln, President and Chief Executive Officer, SaskEnergy. “This change has resulted in removing well over 700,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from our environment - equivalent to taking nearly 130,000 cars off the road.”

Compared to other provincial programs across Canada, SEGH has been the longest running retrofit program in Canada. When the program was first introduced, energy efficient products and equipment were relatively new on the market and not easily identifiable.

“ENERGY STAR standards have increased and more products have been labeled so homeowners can make educated purchase decisions,” Kelln added. “In addition, industry has better access to energy efficient products, more experience working with those products, and established approaches better serving the needs of energy conscious homeowners.”

Homeowners are advised to book their appointment with a SEGH Service Organization well in advance of the June 30th entry deadline as space is limited. For a list of SEGH Service Organizations, visit saskenergy.com.

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