

LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program 2013



The LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program makes it easy for thousands of B.C. small to medium sized businesses to save money and reduce their energy consumption.

The program provides free Business Energy Advisor (BEA) services to help small businesses improve their energy efficiency and reduce their energy costs. BEAs work directly with eligible businesses by delivering a free walk-through assessment to identify potential energy and money saving opportunities, such as lighting, hot water, heating and ventilation improvements. They also provide improved access to efficient technologies and utility product incentives. The BEA provides ongoing support after the assessment to help businesses move forward with energy upgrades.

Click on the links above or read below to find out more.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Barriers+being+power+smart/8044327/story.html>

BUSINESS ENERGY ADVISORS (BEAs):

- Targets eligible small to medium sized businesses.
- Help businesses improve their energy efficiency and reduce their energy costs through free BEA services, and improved access to efficient technologies and utility product incentives.
- BEAs are available to work directly with eligible businesses by offering a free-walk through assessment to identify potential energy and money saving opportunities, such as lighting, hot water, heating and ventilation improvements.
- BEAs are available across the Province in the following regions and sectors:
 - Mainland/Southwest, Vancouver Island/Coast, Thompson-Okanagan, Kootenays, Cariboo, North Coast/Nechako and the Northeast;
 - Accommodation, office space, retail, agriculture and the foodservices sector.

Important: Confirm your eligibility for BEA service:

- The Business is a privately owned corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship;
- The Business spends less than \$200,000 per year on electricity during the last twelve months;
- The applicant is a for-profit business; **(non-profit educational & religious institutions qualify)**
- The Business is registered to operate within the Province of BC;
- The Business has a commercial electrical account;
- At least 50 per cent of the building in which the business operates is used for business purposes;
- The Business has not participated in, nor is eligible for the LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program (energy efficiency incentives for residential buildings);
- The Business is not a residential building (e.g. condo or apartment building); and
- The business does not have a Key Account Manager with BC Hydro

Act now to book your free assessment - program ends March 2014

For more information about the Business Energy Advisor servicing areas in Metro Vancouver, Hope/Chilliwack, Whistler, Sunshine Coast, and Vancouver Island, contact **Mary Zuccaro at 604 355 7701 or maryzuccaro@bclca.com**

More program details can be found at:

http://www.livesmartbc.ca/incentives/small-business/program_components.html

BEAs determine a customer's eligibility for utility incentive programs, such as the ones listed below. They also help customers apply for these programs

UTILITY INCENTIVES PROGRAMS:

- **BC Hydro PIP Program**

- Targets businesses that are eligible for BC Hydro's Product Incentive Program (PIP).
- BC Hydro's PIP provides cash rebates on more than 10,000 energy efficient technologies including lighting, refrigeration, and commercial cooking equipment.
- *BC Hydro PIP participants do not need to have an energy assessment or book an appointment to access the Product Incentive Program incentives.*

For more information on enhanced incentives through BC Hydro's PIP program, visit www.bchydro.com/incentives or phone 1-866-522-4713 or call your Business Energy Advisor (BEA)

- **FortisBC Natural Gas and Electric Programs**

- Targets small businesses that are eligible for FortisBC Programs listed below.
- FortisBC offers rebates to help small businesses reduce their gas consumption through improving the efficiency of heating, hot water heating and cooking equipment. Rebates are now expanded to include eligible electric products.

[Efficiency À La Carte Program](#)

Through the Efficiency a La Carte, an eligible business can get rebates up to \$3,500 per appliance when installing eligible high-efficiency natural gas cooking equipment. This program is appropriate for businesses that operate a commercial kitchen, such as restaurants and cafes, bakeries, cafeterias, hotels and motels. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Efficient Boiler Program](#)

Install an efficient boiler and you could lower your cost by up to 40 per cent. The size and efficiency of the boiler you install determines your rebate.

How the rebate works:

- Eligible condensing boilers qualify for a rebate of \$12 per MBH, to a maximum of \$60,000 per boiler.
- Eligible mid-efficiency boilers qualify for a rebate of \$4 per MBH, to a maximum of \$20,000 per boiler.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Efficient Commercial Water Heater](#)

Install an eligible high-efficiency commercial natural gas water heater and receive a rebate of up to \$15,000. The size, type and efficiency of the water heater you choose determines the amount of your rebate.

How the rebate works:

- Storage water heaters and hot water supply boilers with an efficiency of 90 per cent or higher. Size in MBH x \$5 = incentive
- Storage water heaters and hot water supply boilers with efficiency between 84 per cent and 89.9 per cent. Size in MBH x \$3 = incentive
- On-demand domestic hot water heater with efficiency of 90 per cent or higher
Size in MBH x \$2.50 = incentive

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Product Rebate Program \(PRP\)](#) - for areas serviced by FORTIS ELECTRIC

Receive rebates by installing eligible electric products through PRP, which includes incentives for efficient lighting, refrigeration, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), and commercial food service equipment. Available to retrofit projects only (major renovations or new constructions are not eligible).

For more information on FortisBC Natural Gas and Lighting Programs, visit <http://www.fortisbc.com/NaturalGas/Business/Offers/Pages/default.aspx> or phone 1-866-884-8833 or email commercialrebates@fortisbc.com or call your BEA