



## Frequently Asked Questions New Home Builders' Rebate

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### 1) What is the New Home Builders' Rebate?

A: The New Home Builders' Rebate is a three year program whereby the City of Edmonton is offering new home builders an incentive to achieve R-2000 or Built Green™ certification.

### 2) How much is the rebate?

A: The rebate will be determined as follows:

Single Detached

- \$500 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Platinum Certification
- \$450 flat fee rebate for R-2000 Certification or Built Green™ - Gold Certification
- \$200 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Silver Certification
- \$100 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Bronze Certification

Multi-Family (Must be a multi-level residential dwelling containing at least 20 units)

- \$9,750 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ Multi-Family Residential – Platinum Certification
- \$6,500 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Gold Certification
- \$4,800 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Silver Certification
- \$3,250 flat fee rebate for Built Green™ - Bronze Certification

### 3) How does the rebate work?

A: Where a contractor/owner can demonstrate through an acceptable certification agency (EnerVision), in writing that the building which has been constructed has been designed and constructed in accordance with specific energy and environmental design criteria, the contractor may apply in writing for a rebate of the building permit fee.

While loosely based on building permit fees (as done in similar programs currently in place in Strathcona County and the City of Calgary), the City of Edmonton is offering a flat fee based rebate that provides greater incentive to achieve the highest level of Built Green™ certification (currently gold) and removes the financial incentive to build larger and larger homes.

#### **4) Who is EnerVision?**

A: EnerVision is a not-for-profit organization solely owned by the Canadian Home Builders' Association - Alberta (CHBA - Alberta). It has been in existence since 2001 and is funded by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), and sponsored by the CHBA - Alberta and SAIT Polytechnic. Additionally, EnerVision is contracted by the Built Green™ Society of Canada to deliver training, EGNH labeling/certification and Society Administration.

#### **5) Why is CO<sub>2</sub>RE offering this rebate?**

A: CO<sub>2</sub>RE is offering this program to support the Canadian Home Builders' Association own initiative to incorporate green building practices. It is intended to accelerate the rate in which builders become Built Green certified and start building bronze, silver or gold level homes. We anticipate that the program will expand to include multi-family dwellings and new levels of Built Green™ certification in subsequent years.

Offering building permit fee rebates provides financial incentive for builders to go above the minimum Alberta Building Code standards and incorporate "green" building practices to improve energy efficiency, indoor air quality and resource use, while reducing overall environmental impact.

#### **6) Who is eligible to apply?**

A: Any contractor/owner/builder may apply for all single detached houses receiving their building permit and Built Green™ certification as of January 1, 2007. Multi-family dwellings must have received their building permit and Built Green™ certification as of January 1, 2008.

**7) How do I apply for the rebate?**

A: A rebate application form will be developed and provided to the home builder that includes:

- The outside agency accreditation;
- A copy of the House Combo permit; and
- A copy of the receipt for payment of the original application fee.

Application forms will be available from Planning and Development and available on the CO<sub>2</sub>RE website by June 1, 2007. Application forms will be submitted by the builder directly to CO<sub>2</sub>RE for verification and approval for payment.

**8) Who will send me my rebate?**

A: CO<sub>2</sub>RE will issue cheques directly to the rebate applicant and mail it to the address provided on the application form.

**9) Where can I get more information?**

A: Please contact us at 780-944-CORE (2673).

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