





If you're a homeowner in Nova Scotia, you may be looking for ways to reduce your energy consumption and make your home more eco-friendly. The Canada Greener Homes Grant is a program that can help you achieve these goals by providing financial assistance for energy-efficient home improvements.

#### **LET US GUIDE YOU**

Navigating the grant application process can be overwhelming. That's why we've created this easy-to-follow guide that will help you understand the program, determine if you are eligible, and provide step-by-step instructions on how to apply. In this guide, we'll break down everything you need to know about the Canada Greener Homes Grant and make it easy for you to access the financial support you need to make your home more energy-efficient.



Participating in the Canada Greener Homes grant process guarantees home energy savings while the Canada Greener Homes loan helps to make your efforts even more rewarding.

Read through this guide and follow the steps outlined below.

If you have any questions at any time please email us at info@maclarenappliance.ca or call 902-678-5400.

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#### **HOW TO GET STARTED**



#### **YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS**

Your journey begins by applying online where you'll need to select a service organization near you. These companies have been certified by Natural Resources Canada to conduct EnerGuide evaluations. Here is a list of the Energy Advisors in Nova Scotia:

https://maclarenappliance.ca/energy-advisors/

They will schedule a pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation of your home. The costs of these evaluations are \$199.



#### **ONCE THE ADVISOR ARRIVES**

Once the energy advisor arrives, they'll confirm your eligibility and then run a series of tests. Following the evaluation, you'll get a homeowner information sheet and an EnerGuide label with the current energy efficiency rating of your home.

You'll also get a renovation upgrade report so you can see which retrofits will improve your home's energy efficiency and resilience.

Armed with this new information, you can be confident that your retrofits will make a difference.



### **NEXT, YOU DECIDE**

Next, you must decide which retrofits work best for your budget and renovation plans.

Once you've booked your assessment, schedule an on-site quote from MacLaren's so that it can happen in a timely manner.

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#### WHAT DOES THE GRANT COVER?

The grant covers a variety of energy-efficient home improvements, including —



Upgrades to Insulation



Installation of renewable energy systems, such as solar panels or geothermal heat pumps



Replacement of windows and doors



**Upgrades to ventilation systems** 



Installation of high-efficiency heating and cooling systems



Keep in mind, only retrofits from the Energy Advisors report are eligible for a grant.

Any purchases you make need to be from a Canadian distributor and from our website's list of eligible products and certain installations need to be done by a professional.

Maclarens Appliance & Refrigeration is one of those approved installers.



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# WHAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE RETROFIT UPFRONT?

Now that you're considering which retrofits to complete, you might wonder, do I need a loan so you can complete even more of the retrofits from your energy advisor's report?

If you're eligible, you can get an interest-free loan of up to \$40,000. That's repayable over 10 years. If you choose to go down this path, you'll need to submit an application online.

Click Here to Apply Online 1



#### **LET'S GET THE WORK DONE!**

Now you're ready to start completing your retrofits. Make sure to save copies of all your paid-in-full receipts and invoices along the way.



## You have up until March, 2027 to complete your retrofits and submit your receipt.



**Now it's time for the most exciting part of all**, in our opinion anyway, to find out how much energy you've saved as a result of all your hard work and investment.

To do this, you'll need to schedule a post-retrofit, EnerGuide evaluation, where an energy advisor will run another series of tests you'll need to pay again, just like you did last time.

**So remember to keep the receipt.** Your energy advisor will help you understand how much you've improved your home's energy use and can give you an updated EnerGuide label with a summary of your improvements.

#### Finally, your journey is almost over and the last few steps are all done online.

Once your documents are uploaded, you can request your grant payment and your loan funding. Your total grant could be anywhere from \$125 to \$5,000. It all depends on the retrofits you completed. And don't forget, you can get up to \$600 back for your two inner guide evaluations.

 $<sup>^{1}\,</sup>https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-initiative/canada-greener-homes-loan/24286$ 



