

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City, Regional District and BC Hydro Remind Residents of Clothes Washer Rebates

*Nanaimo and area customers can receive up to \$200 on eligible washers*

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and BC Hydro are joining forces to offer their customers a rebate for the purchase of eligible ENERGY STAR clothes washers. This offer is good for washers purchased from May 1 through June 30, 2015. Applications for rebates must be submitted within 60 days. There is only a few weeks left to purchase washers under the spring program.

*Strategic Link:* This directly supports the City's Water strategic priority, in enabling greater water and energy conservation.

#### Key Points

- Eligible front-loading clothes washers must have a minimum Integrated Modified Energy Factor of 2.76-2.94 and an Integrated Water Factor of 3.5 or less to receive a \$100 rebate. Eligible top-loading washers must have an IMEF of 2.30 or higher and an IWF of 4.2 or less to receive a \$100 rebate.
- Eligible clothes washers with an IMEF of 2.94 or higher and and IWF of 3.2 or less will be eligible to receive a \$200 rebate.
- Applications for rebates should be submitted directly to BC Hydro, who will administer the program, and process rebates on both parties' behalf.
- Residents can find all the information they need, including rebates, deals, eligible products and retailer specials at [www.powersmart.ca](http://www.powersmart.ca)

#### Quotes

"With Council setting a strong direction to conserve water and achieve reductions of 10 per cent per decade in our consumption, this program will raise awareness and help our rate-payers to save water and electricity as well as benefit financially."

Bill Sims  
Manager, Water Resources  
City of Nanaimo

"The Regional District of Nanaimo is excited to participate in this program for the first time. Residents in RDN Electoral Areas and the District of Lantzville are now eligible to take advantage of this new rebate, reducing household water and energy demand as well as alleviating pressure on surface and groundwater in many rural areas in the region."

Ting Pan  
Sustainability Coordinator  
Regional District of Nanaimo

"BC Hydro looks forward to partnering with the City and Regional District of Nanaimo on this initiative as we work together to save energy and water."

Kari Montrichard  
Appliance Rebate Program Manager  
BC Hydro

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