

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City and BC Hydro Partner to Offer Clothes Washer Rebates

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

#### Summary

The City 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 during the month of October 2014 only. Applications for rebates must be submitted within 60 days, and no later than December 31, 2014. Details on applying for rebates for clothes washers can be found at [www.PowerSmart.ca/appliances](http://www.PowerSmart.ca/appliances)

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

#### Key Points

- At its meeting of 21 July 2014, Council provided \$15,000 in funding towards this rebate program. In partnership with BC Hydro, this will mean a total amount of \$30,000 will be made available to customers.
- Clothes washers must have a minimum Modified Energy Factor of 3.0 and a maximum Water Factor of 3.5 to receive a \$100 rebate. To receive a \$200 rebate, washers must have a minimum Modified Energy Factor of 3.4 and a maximum Water Factor of 3.6. Washers must be installed within Nanaimo's boundaries.
- BC Hydro will administer the program, and process rebates on both parties' behalf.
- Residents are advised to watch the "Deals" page at [www.PowerSmart.ca/deals](http://www.PowerSmart.ca/deals) as well as watching their local retailers. Qualifying Energy Star washers can be found at [www.PowerSmart.ca/appliances](http://www.PowerSmart.ca/appliances)

#### 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

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

Kari Montrichard  
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