

## Air Sealing Information Sheet for Customers – HER+

Through the Home Efficiency Rebate Plus Program (HER+), a rebate up to \$1,300 is available for improving the airtightness of your home by air sealing leaks. Air sealing is one of the most cost-effective upgrades customers can undertake for energy savings.

### What Is Air Sealing?

Air sealing is the process of improving the air tightness of a home. Reducing the amount of air that leaks in and out of a home is an effective way to reduce heating and cooling costs, improve durability, increase comfort, and create a healthier indoor environment. Homeowners can save up to 30% of their energy costs by air sealing areas where energy loss occurs, focusing on leaks around windows/doors and through the attic and exterior walls (Source: City of Toronto, <https://betterhomesto.ca>). Air tightness of the home is measured through a blower door test as part of a home energy assessment.

### What Is The Air Sealing Rebate Under HER+?

The air sealing rebate is in **ADDITION** to other upgrade rebates.

#### HER+ Rebates for Enbridge Customers

1. \$725 – achieve target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)
2. \$1,050 – 10% above target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)
3. \$1,300 – 20% above target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)

#### HER+ Rebates for non-Enbridge Customers

1. \$550 – achieve target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)
2. \$810 – 10% above target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)
3. \$1,000 – 20% above target in Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR)

### How Will I Know If I Am Eligible For The Air Sealing Rebate?

After the pre-project assessment, the Recommended Upgrade Report (RUR) will be emailed to customers which includes the air tightness target for the home. The air tightness target can be found in the air sealing section of the report and is shown in air changes per hour at 50 pascals. The results of the blower door test between the pre-project assessment and the post-project assessment will determine if the air tightness of the home has improved.

The Homeowner Information Sheet (HOIS) that is emailed to customers after their post-project assessment shows the final air tightness and air changes per hour for the home. These results are used to determine if the air sealing target was achieved. If the target from the RUR is met, the customer is eligible to receive the air sealing rebate.

## **What Are the Air Sealing Requirements Under HER+?**

For customers upgrading their insulation or windows/doors, no additional information is required to be eligible for the air sealing rebate under HER+. ecostep will determine if you qualify for the rebate after your post-project assessment. For all other upgrades, including heat pumps and solar, additional information is required to be eligible for the air sealing rebate.

For customers that didn't upgrade their windows/doors or insulation, they **must have an invoice or receipts showing the cost spent for air sealing**. Customers can only claim up to the maximum amount on the invoice. To receive the maximum eligible rebate, the cost for air sealing must MEET OR EXCEED the rebate amount. Customers must have this information prior to the final home energy assessment. ecostep will take a photo of the air sealing invoice/receipts and submit along with the other photos and documents to Natural Resources Canada and Enbridge on your behalf.

## **What Customers Need To Do**

During the pre-project home energy assessment, your ecostep energy advisor will work with customers to identify potential areas to improve the air tightness of their home. Customers should look for drafts around windows/doors, the attic hatch, vents or wherever there is a hole or space between the interior and exterior of the house. Also look at headers or rim-joists in the basement/crawlspace and the lights, electric boxes, bathroom fans, venting or ductwork going into the attic from the interior space. If you are already undertaking an insulation or window/door upgrade, there is no need to have a separate invoice for air sealing to receive the air sealing rebate. All other upgrades require a separate invoice.

## **How Do I Receive My Rebate?**

If you qualify for the air sealing rebate, the rebate will be added to other rebates (e.g. windows/doors) and a cheque for the total rebate amount will be mailed to you by Enbridge.

## **How Can ecostep Help?**

ecostep Energy Advisors are rebate experts. We perform the home energy assessment, take care of all the paperwork, and help customers get the highest rebates available. We take the headache out of rebate programs.

During the home energy assessment ecostep energy advisors will identify areas where the air tightness of your home can be improved. You will also receive recommendations in your Renovation Upgrade Report (RUR) that will also have useful information about improving the air tightness of your home. The report will also have your target for you to be eligible for the air sealing rebate under HER+.

Contact ecostep today to schedule your home energy assessment and receive rebates 1 844-506-1016, [info@ecostep.ca](mailto:info@ecostep.ca).