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# Rebates & Grants

Canada Greener Homes Grant, ENERGY STAR requirements, and energy efficiency rebates

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## Q1

### Does the Canada Greener Homes Loan cover doors too?

**Yes, the Canada Greener Homes Loan can cover doors, but only specific types that meet energy efficiency requirements.** The program focuses on upgrades that improve your home's overall energy performance, so not all door replacements qualify.

**Eligible door upgrades** typically include exterior doors that significantly improve energy efficiency - such as upgrading from an old, poorly insulated door to a new ENERGY STAR certified entry door with proper weatherstripping and insulation. The door must meet specific performance standards, usually requiring a U-factor rating that demonstrates improved thermal performance over your existing door.

**Patio doors and sliding doors** can also qualify when they're part of an energy efficiency upgrade, particularly if you're replacing single-pane or poorly performing doors with triple-pane, Low-E coated units that meet ENERGY STAR requirements for Ottawa's climate zone.

The loan program requires a pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation to document the energy improvements. Your new doors need to contribute to an overall improvement in your home's energy rating. **Interior doors, storm doors, or cosmetic door replacements typically don't qualify** since they don't significantly impact whole-home energy performance.

In Ottawa's climate, qualifying door upgrades often include moving from basic steel doors to insulated fiberglass or steel doors with thermal breaks, or upgrading patio doors to triple-pane units with argon fill. The key is demonstrating measurable energy savings through the EnerGuide assessment.

For a free consultation on door upgrades that may qualify for the Canada Greener Homes Loan, Ottawa Window Pros can help assess your current doors and recommend qualifying replacements.

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## Q2

### Does Enbridge still offer rebates for energy-efficient windows?

**Yes, Enbridge Gas still offers rebates for energy-efficient windows through their Home Efficiency Rebate program,** though the specific amounts and eligibility requirements can change annually. As of 2024-2025, homeowners can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates for qualifying window and door upgrades.

**The Enbridge rebates typically require windows to meet specific energy efficiency standards,** including ENERGY STAR certification with a U-factor of 1.22 or lower. Triple-pane windows with Low-E coatings and argon

gas fills usually qualify for the highest rebate tiers. The program often provides tiered rebates based on the number of windows replaced - for example, \$75-150 per window depending on efficiency ratings and total project size.

**In Ottawa's Climate Zone 6, these rebates make significant financial sense** when combined with the federal Canada Greener Homes Grant (up to \$5,000 additional). Together, these programs can offset \$8,000-10,000 of your window replacement costs. The energy savings from upgrading single-pane or old double-pane windows to modern triple-pane units typically pay for themselves within 8-12 years through reduced heating costs.

**To qualify for Enbridge rebates, you'll need a pre-upgrade energy assessment** and must use a participating contractor. The windows must be professionally installed and meet Ontario Building Code requirements. Keep all receipts and product specification sheets, as these are required for rebate applications.

**Check the current Enbridge Gas website for 2025 program details**, as rebate amounts and eligibility can change each program year. For a free estimate on qualifying energy-efficient windows and help navigating available rebates, request a quote from Ottawa Window Pros - we're familiar with all current rebate programs and can ensure your project meets qualification requirements.

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**Q3**

## What documents do I need to apply for window rebates?

**Most window rebate programs in Ottawa require energy efficiency documentation, proof of purchase, and professional installation certificates.** The specific documents vary by program, but here's what you'll typically need to gather.

For the **Canada Greener Homes Grant** (up to \$5,000 for windows), you'll need a pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation, receipts showing ENERGY STAR certified windows were purchased, proof of professional installation, and a post-

retrofit evaluation. The windows must meet specific performance criteria - typically a U-factor of 1.22 or lower and an Energy Rating (ER) of 25 or higher.

**Enbridge Gas rebates** require similar documentation but focus on natural gas savings. You'll need receipts for qualifying ENERGY STAR windows, professional installation certificates, and sometimes before/after photos. The rebate amount depends on the number of windows replaced and their efficiency ratings.

**Provincial and municipal programs** may have additional requirements. Some require building permits for certain installations, though most window replacements in existing openings don't need permits in Ottawa. Keep all invoices showing the window specifications, installation dates, and installer license numbers.

**Documentation tips for Ottawa homeowners:** Always request detailed invoices that specify the window model numbers, ENERGY STAR ratings, and U-factors. Professional installers should provide installation certificates. Take photos before, during, and after installation. Many rebate programs have strict timelines - typically you must apply within 6 months of completion.

The key is starting the rebate application process before beginning work, as some programs require pre-approval. For a free consultation on rebate-eligible window replacements and help with documentation requirements, Ottawa Window Pros can guide you through the entire process from selection to rebate submission.

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