

## Media Release

# Free Energy Conservation Program Focuses on Algoma, Nipissing, Temiskaming and Sudbury Districts for Fall Campaign Blitz

***Relief from rising energy costs on its way to qualifying fixed and low income Espanola Hydro, Greater Sudbury Hydro, and Hydro One customers***

**(Sudbury, ON, September 25, 2013)** One of Ontario's most successful home energy conservation programs, the saveONenergy HOME ASSISTANCE Program (HAP), is bringing its Northern Blitz campaign to Sudbury, Algoma (East), Nipissing, and Temiskaming Districts this month. The HOME ASSISTANCE Program is funded by the Ontario Power Authority and delivered by each utility in its service area.

Qualifying area homeowners, tenants and social housing providers can receive free home energy efficiency improvements to their home or apartment. This program can contribute as much as \$13,000 in energy upgrades per home. More than 16,000 program renovations are already in progress across Ontario.

The **HOME ASSISTANCE** Program provides energy-efficiency upgrades such as energy efficient lighting, insulation and appliances completely free of charge, including delivery and installation. HAP is designed to help low-income consumers who may not be able to pay the costs of energy-efficiency upgrades.

**Espanola Hydro, Greater Sudbury Hydro, and Hydro One** are all delivering this program with the assistance of GreenSaver, an environmental not-for-profit company.

GreenSaver will bring additional resources to all four regions for the fall season to facilitate participation and installations for applicants, prior to the winter weather setting in.

Applicants can qualify as a successful applicant if they rent or own a single or semi detached home, townhouse or apartment (some stipulations apply) and pay their own electricity bill; and their annual household income is equal to or less than the amounts shown below:

Permanent Members of Household	Before Tax Household Income Cut-Off (All persons over 18 years of age )
1	\$31,452
2	\$39,155
3	\$48,137
4	\$58,444
5	\$66,288
6	\$74,760
7 or more	\$83,236

OR

They are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS)
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Allowance for Seniors
- Allowance for the Survivor
- LEAP – Utility Low Income Energy Assistance Program grant (within the last 12 months)

OR

If they are a tenant living in social or assisted housing, they should speak to their housing provider to see if the building is eligible to participate in the program. If the building qualifies, they may qualify as an individual participant.

Participants will first receive an energy assessment to determine the efficiency upgrade opportunities. An installation team will then install all the eligible upgrades. This may include new lighting, new energy-efficient appliances, low-flow showerheads, aerators, programmable thermostats, draft proofing and insulation in attics, walls, and basements.

The program is absolutely free to qualifying participants. To apply or learn more, call toll free: **1-855-591-0877** or visit [www.HydroOne.com/saveONenergyHAP](http://www.HydroOne.com/saveONenergyHAP).

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