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BECOMING MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT AT HOME JUST GOT EASIER

August 25, 2011 – MISSISSAUGA, Ontario – Do you want greater control of your energy costs at home?

Most of us know that replacing our existing appliances with more energy efficient ones will save money on our electricity bills, but becoming more energy efficient can be expensive.

That's why Enersource and the Ontario Power Authority are working together to offer programs to help you save both energy and money.

Furnaces and air conditioners can be a costly household expense, especially if they are not energy efficient. The **Heating and Cooling Incentive** program can give eligible customers up to \$650 in rebates. Participating contractors can help you through the process, including helping you understand which units are eligible for the rebate program. For a list of participating contractors, please visit: <http://www.hraicoolsavings.ca/pages/search.php>.

Another popular program is the **Fridge and Freezer Pickup**. This program helps Mississauga residents rid themselves of their old, inefficient and power-hungry fridges and freezers for free. To qualify for a free pickup of your old fridge, the appliance must meet the following criteria:

- the unit is 15 years or older
- it is between 10-27 cubic feet
- the unit is in working condition (plugged in 24 hrs prior to pick up)

Window air conditioners and dehumidifiers may also be picked up along with your fridge/freezer, if they meet the following requirements:

- the unit is 10 years or older
- it is in working condition at the time of pick up
- window air conditioners must be removed from the window prior to pick up and located near a power source.

Disposing of these items properly ensures they are taken care of in an environmentally responsible manner. In addition, the energy saved within the first year is usually significant enough to notice a difference on your electricity bill.

There are also ways for you to save money immediately. Enersource has provided coupon booklets to customers for energy efficient light bulbs, ceiling fans, motion sensors and programmable thermostats, with savings of up to \$30.

Coupon booklets and information on each of these programs is available at:
www.saveONenergy.ca.

For more information on ways you can save energy and money, please visit
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