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## Sign up for a Home Energy Assessment and get a festive bonus!

The holidays bring seasonal cheer, good tidings and, for many of us, too many bills. Now you can take advantage of our **festive offer** to lower your home energy use and utility bills – the gift that keeps on giving. Residents of Ward 30 can now **get a combined home energy and solar assessment for just \$225** (after provincial rebate) – \$100 off the regular cost. When you consider that this [ecoENERGY residential energy assessment](#) qualifies you for valuable rebates on home energy upgrades and up to \$2,000 in incentives for a solar hot water system, this is a gift that should be on everyone's list.



To make it even sweeter, we are also including a useful bundle of energy-saving devices, including a water-saving kit, compact fluorescents and motion sensor light switches, for any Ward 30 residents who **schedules an EcoEnergy assessment before Jan. 30, 2009**. It sure beats another scarf.

Register now at [www.solarneighbourhoods.ca/step4.php](http://www.solarneighbourhoods.ca/step4.php) or call the Solar Info Line at **416-392-6795**. After you register, you will be contacted by our assessment partner, **Windfall Ecology Centre**, to schedule the home visit. Visit Windfall's website for more information on the ecoENERGY residential program – [www.windfallcentre.ca/goto/solar](http://www.windfallcentre.ca/goto/solar)



## No money down

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Did you know that Solar Neighbourhoods offers an option of **10 years of zero interest financing** on a home solar hot water system? Plus, you will receive a **\$500 discount** on the cost of your system, courtesy of Solar Neighbourhoods, as well as an **EcoEnergy program incentive of \$1,000**. That all adds up to paying as little as \$40 a month to cut your home water heating bill by as much as 50 percent. If you have questions about our zero cost finance package, call the **Solar Info line at 416-392-6795** or visit our website at [www.solarneighbourhoods.ca](http://www.solarneighbourhoods.ca).



## Solar hot water workshops in Ward 30

Interested in solar but need more info? Do you want to learn how you can qualify for \$2,000 in rebates and subsidies from the federal, provincial and city governments? Are you interested in joining the local community buyer's group, [Riverdale Initiative for Solar Energy \(RISE\)](#), but still not certain about their role?

Come on out to one of our Ward 30 **Solar Hot Water in Your Home Workshops** in local libraries throughout Ward 30 in January and February. We have speakers from the Solar Neighbourhood program, from the RISE community group, from our ecoENERGY Home Auditor ([Windfall Ecology Centre](#)) as well as from our participating solar contractors all lined up for 1.5 hours filled with helpful information on saving you energy and money.

- Workshop #1: **Wed. January 14th, 7 p.m.** - Pape/Danforth Library (701 Pape Ave just south of Danforth)
- Workshop #2: **Tues. February 3rd, 7 p.m.** - Riverdale Library (370 Broadview at Gerrard)
- Workshop #3: **Thur. February 26th, 7 p.m.** - Danforth Coxwell Library (1675

Danforth at Coxwell)

All workshops are free and run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. As there is limited seating capacity we suggest you reserve a space by phoning the **Solar Info Line at 416-392-6795**, email us at [solar@toronto.ca](mailto:solar@toronto.ca) (please provide you name and phone number and preferred workshop) or [click here to reserve online](#). All unreserved seats will be allocated on a first come basis.



## We make it easy

Solar Neighbourhoods has taken a lot of the legwork out of getting a solar hot water system installed on your home. We have been working extensively with City departments to address building code issues and to streamline the system installation process. We have also **pre-approved a number of contractors and systems** for participation in the Solar Neighbourhoods program. Look for the Solar Neighbourhoods Eligible logo on contractor materials or view our approved system

list at [www.solarneighbourhoods.ca/suppliers.php](http://www.solarneighbourhoods.ca/suppliers.php). By the way, these contractors are also experts in water conservation and can help you save both water and energy.



SOLAR NEIGHBOURHOODS wants to help you reduce your home's energy use and tap the power of the sun. We will guide qualifying homeowners in Ward 30 through the purchase and installation of a solar water heating system and help you access to up to \$2,000 in cash incentives. Solar hot water is a well-developed zero-emissions renewable energy technology that is in wide use around the world. Now, Solar Neighbourhoods is working to make it part of life right here in Toronto.

*Don't miss this chance to reduce your home's climate impact, tackle rising utility costs and be a part of Solar Neighbourhoods! Register today at [www.solarneighbourhoods.ca](http://www.solarneighbourhoods.ca)*

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