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## **Be an Environmentally Savvy Homebuyer**

Environmentally conscious homebuyers are now looking to choose a home that can provide energy efficiency and as a result reduce the impact their home has on the environment. The Calgary Real Estate Board (CREB®) Go Green Challenge is helping in that effort. The program introduces energy efficiency ratings to listings on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS®), (based on the EnerGuide rating system), and encourages home sellers to have their home rated.

EnerGuide for Houses is a Canadian program developed by the Office of Energy Efficiency of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). EnerGuide includes a house energy evaluation where an energy evaluator tests the home to find air leakage and to rate the energy efficiency of its heating. Once you've received your EnerGuide rating and the full report, you're eligible for a \$100 rebate from the Alberta Government. An additional \$100 rebate is provided to all homeowners who have implemented the evaluator's recommendations and complete a post-evaluation by NRCan.

In receiving an EnerGuide rating, homeowners are already increasing the marketability of their homes. If they choose to make the evaluator's recommended improvements to their home, their rating can increase and as a result so can the value of their home. The EnerGuide rating also allows homebuyers to make more informed choices.

For more information on how you can join CREB®'s Go Green Challenge, visit [www.crebgogreen.com](http://www.crebgogreen.com).