

Climate Smart Home Service

The ClimateSmart Home Service is a Queensland Government initiative helping Queenslanders tackle climate change by reducing their energy and water use around the home. Households can also save up to \$240 each year on energy and water bills.

For \$50, you will receive:

- A home energy audit with specific advice on actions you can take to save energy and water;
- Installation of a wireless energy monitoring device to check your household electricity use;
- Water saving showerhead; and
- 15 compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The program is available statewide to homes connected to the Energex and Ergon energy grid. If your house is connected to a stand alone distribution network, funding assistance is available through the ClimateSmart Homes Rebate Program.

You can register your interest now at www.climatesmart.qld.gov.au or by phoning 1300 130 372.

National Rainwater & Greywater Initiative

The Federal Government is delivering the \$250 million National Rainwater & Greywater Initiative to help households to save water. The Australian Government is providing:

- Rebates of up to \$500 for households to install rainwater tanks or greywater systems; and
- Grants to surf life saving clubs of up to \$10,000 to install a rainwater tank or undertake a larger water saving project.

The guidelines and application form for the National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative household rebates are available from www.environment.gov.au/water or by calling 1800 808 571.

Green Loans

The Green Loans Program is an Australian Government initiative assisting Australian households to 'Go Green'.

Under the program, homeowners will receive a green renovations pack and a household sustainability assessment report. The report includes information on possible eco-friendly improvements for your home, estimates of how much money could be saved and how these changes will benefit the environment.

You will also have access to low interest green loans of up to \$10,000 to install solar, water saving, and energy efficient products. Example products you could purchase with a green loan include:

- Solar panels;
- Rainwater tanks;
- Insulation and shading devices;
- Greywater recycling systems;
- Energy efficient lighting; and
- Solar, heat-pump and high efficiency gas hot water heaters.

The scheme will begin in January 2009 and is available to households with an income of up to \$250,000.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Australian Government Green Loans