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## Energy Rebate and Tips to Save Money

Residents will receive up to 20 percent back on qualified purchases to update their homes for energy efficiency. Funds are available on a first come basis and each household is limited to a maximum rebate of \$2,000.

“Energy Efficiency: Be Green to Save Some Green!”, is a free class available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Plano Municipal Center located at 1520 K Ave., Plano 75074. In addition to offering more details about the *Plano Energy-Efficiency Rebate and Incentive Program*, the presentation will include a range of home improvement projects from simple “do-it-yourself” tips to major energy saving upgrades yielding a higher return on investment.

Qualified purchases eligible for the rebate program include residential upgrades and replacements which are considered energy efficient, such as Energy Star appliances, air conditioning units rated 14 SEER and above, attic insulation, solar screens and solar film, radiant barrier, duct replacement, duct wrap and low emissivity windows.

“The purpose of the rebate program is simple,” said Rohini Drake, Environmental Education Coordinator. “It will demonstrate the impact of energy efficient home upgrades directly to energy savings by tracking energy usage and monthly payments. With more individual home owners saving energy, the total energy savings in the City of Plano will be increased as well.”

Eligible applicants for the *Plano Energy-Efficiency Rebate and Incentive Program* must be a Plano resident and qualified purchases must be used in residential applications only. Items must be purchased and installed between May 15, 2008 and May 15, 2009. Residents will be required to track and report energy usage for the current year and for at least three months after installing energy-efficient upgrade.

“With energy and water costs increasing, the City of Plano wants to educate residents on how to save money and make sustainable choices,” said Melissa Baird, Environmental Education Coordinator. “This class will provide in-depth information about making energy-efficient changes to your home.”

More details about saving energy year-round through home improvements and participating in the rebate program are available at the “Energy Efficiency: Be Green to Save Some Green!” class. For more information, visit [www.livegreeninplano.com](http://www.livegreeninplano.com).