



## City of Surrey Mid-Construction Airtightness Test Rebate Program Summary

Basic information about this program can be found on [Surrey's Green Building Incentives page](#).

The purpose of this rebate program is to support local building teams gain the knowledge and skills necessary to build airtight homes that meet the current and future requirements of the BC Energy Step Code.

### **Use the rebate to gain skills and knowledge for your whole team**

The City encourages applicants to gather as many staff and contractors at the site during the airtightness test and associated walk through. Your team will then see how the test is conducted and get insights on where air leakage is occurring and how it can be addressed. The City also recommends using this as an opportunity to gain experience in working with a Licensed Energy Advisor, to better understand their role in the building process under Step Code and where they can provide value to you and your team.

Scheduling the test ahead of time and offering your team the opportunity to ask questions are two ways to maximize the benefit. Find tips from builders and airtightness experts on how to prepare for your test and succeed with airtightness in slides 128-227 from the City's Builder Breakfast on [Succeeding with Airtightness in Part 9 Buildings](#), delivered April 25, 2019

### **Rebate value**

Each rebate is worth \$400 and can be applied towards a mid-construction blower door test. These rebates cannot be used for airtightness tests at construction completion.

### **Eligibility and limitations**

The City has a limited number of coupons available. Coupons will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. A building team may only hold one (1) rebate coupon for three (3) months. After this time, the coupon expires and will be made available to another building team. Each building team is eligible for two (2) rebates. The two (2) rebates can be applied to the same building / building permit, if choosing to do a retest, or two different buildings / building permits. The building team is the building permit applicant and may, for example, be a construction company or owner/builder.

### **Receiving the rebate**

Once the mid-construction airtightness test has been conducted, the building team must submit a proof of payment (e.g. receipt, invoice) and completed [Mid-Construction Airtightness Report](#) to receive the rebate. Once both items have been received and reviewed by the City, City staff will ask you to confirm payment details and the building team will receive the \$400 rebate within 2-3 weeks.

### **Disclaimer**

The City will manage the number of outstanding rebate coupons—those that have been applied for but where the airtightness test has not yet been completed. However, when available rebates have nearly all been allocated, the City cannot guarantee that all allocated rebate coupons will result in rebates; the City will do its best to manage coupon allocations.