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Water Conservation Industrial, Commercial, Institutional

Rebates for Efficient Cooling Equipment

Program Requirements

Applications for rebates under this program are subject to the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have an industrial, commercial, or institutional water bill account number in the Victoria metropolitan area. **Properties on private wells, on the Gulf Islands, or other parts of the CRD are not eligible, and residential customers are not eligible for this program.**
2. Equipment eligible for replacement or retrofit under this program must:
 - a. Have been installed and operating prior to January 1, 2006 (new construction is not eligible), and
 - b. Use municipal water once through for the purpose of removing heat from the equipment, without recovering the water for another beneficial purpose after it has passed through the equipment.
3. Equipment removed under this program must have all CFCs removed and be recycled as scrap at: **Budget Steel Ltd. 2770 Pleasant Street, Victoria** (A signed CRD Water Services recycling receipt is required).
4. Equipment installed under this program must:
 - a. Be of similar capacity and function to equipment removed or retrofitted. Significant increases in capacity, or upgrades not directly related to elimination of once-through cooling, are not eligible for the rebate.
 - b. Reduce municipal water consumption by at least 1,000 litres per day based on annual average, as determined by CRD.
5. Operation and maintenance measures are not eligible for rebates.
6. Applications must be approved by CRD before work commences. **CRD will not award rebates for work completed before an application is approved.**
7. Rebates will be awarded for the lesser of:
 - a. \$0.10 per rated BTU/hr of packaged condensing units, and \$0.20 per rated BTU/hr of ice makers, installed or retrofitted to eliminate once through cooling, or
 - b. \$2.50 per cubic metre per year of water saved by eliminating once-through cooling, or
 - c. A lifetime maximum of \$5,000 per retail water account under this program.
8. Where cooling capacity of equipment is specified as a range based on operating conditions, CRD will calculate rebate amounts based on the specified capacity using estimated annual average operating conditions at the installation site.
9. Where cooling capacity is not specified by the equipment manufacturer, CRD will assume capacity is 12,000 BTU/hour per rated compressor horsepower.
10. CRD will make the final determination of eligibility for all applications submitted.
11. Funding is limited to a budgeted amount for each fiscal year (ending December 31). Rebates will be awarded in the order that eligible applications are received.
12. The applicant agrees to provide access to the equipment to CRD Water Services:
 - a. for the purpose of inspecting existing equipment and measuring water consumption before work commences, and
 - b. for up to one year after new equipment enters service.
13. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the work complies with all applicable codes and regulations, and that building and plumbing permits are obtained where required by the local municipality.

Application and Rebate Procedure

1. Carefully review the Program Requirements, and complete the attached application form. Submit the form by mail, fax or email to:

Demand Management
Capital Regional District Water Services
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC V9B 1H7
Phone 474-9684 Fax 474-4012
Email waterwise@crd.bc.ca
 2. CRD will contact the applicant to schedule a site visit, or to verify the application meets the Program Requirements. CRD will provide a written Confirmation Notice, including the approved rebate amount and a confirmation number (normally within 14 days of receipt of an application).
 3. Retain a licensed refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic to proceed with the work.
 4. When the work is completed and you have received a receipt of payment in full for the work, submit the following documents to CRD:
 - a. Confirmation of Completion form
 - b. Copy of receipt of full payment for the work, including parts and labour
 - c. Signed CRD Water Services recycling receipt (if any existing equipment was removed)
 5. CRD may schedule an inspection to verify completion of work according to program requirements (normally within 14 days of receiving Confirmation of Completion).
 6. CRD will notify the applicant and process the rebate payment when the completed work has been verified to be in accordance with the program requirements. Normally the applicant will receive a rebate cheque by mail within 30 days after the Confirmation of Completion form is submitted to CRD.
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