



End of Year Newsletter

Contractor meeting recording available online

The most recent contractor meeting covered the Home Performance Program changes including: process changes, job reporting updates, as well as changes to the rules and regulations. The new program departs from the 2012 Home Performance program by removing the Energy Pro modeling requirement for each project. **The cap on 2013 projects will be \$5000.** To learn the about all the program changes, visit <http://cbpca-hpp.org> to watch the contractor meeting video recording.

ASHRAE Change

ASHRAE 62.2 stipulates the quantity of fresh air a home should receive. The previous version of ASHRAE standard 62.2 stated that all homes should exchange 35% of total home air volume of fresh each hour. In other words, the previous version required one complete air change within the home every 3 hours. As of January 1, 2013, the standard will require unique air change calculations for each home. The new standard will require fewer homes to undergo air sealing and greatly expands the number of homes that will be recommended to install mechanical ventilation. The change will impact contractor's air sealing offerings to customers and will hopefully influence homeowners to recognize the importance of fresh air ventilation in the home. For further clarification of this change, please contact CBPCA.

Tier 3 attic insulation change

In response to feedback from program contractors, SMUD is altering the Tier 3 attic insulation pre-retrofit requirement. The Tier 3 attic insulation rebate no longer requires contractors to remove the insulation **if and only if** the insulation is uncontaminated and free of debris. This change will reduce the burden contractors face in qualifying a home for attic insulation Tier 3 rebate, and to ensure the attic insulation rebates reflect the relative cost and efforts associated with each tier.

Revisions to Job Reporting Template and Contractor Handbook

Please check the CBPCA HPP website (www.cbpca-hpp.org) regularly for updates. The Job Reporting Template (JRT) is updated to reflect the newest rebates and line item changes. In addition, CBPCA has updated the contractor handbook to explain new program rules and changes to program process. Both the JRT and Contractor Handbook can be downloaded from the [CBPCA-HPP](http://www.cbpca-hpp.org) website.

No Need to Reapply at end of year

All existing HPP contractors are qualified for the new 2013 SMUD Home Performance program. SMUD has paved the way for easier transition into the new program by removing the requirement to re-apply as a qualified contractor for the new program. Simply review and download the new JRT, Contractor Handbook, program process documents and the November 16 contractor meeting video. Once contractors review and understand the new program rules and process they can continue delivering home performance upgrades under the new, streamlined Home Performance Program. SMUD asks its participating contractors to provide a copy of the checklist menu when they turn in the assessments documentations.

December 14th is the final day to submit jobs

All contractors should already be aware that the final day to submit jobs is December 14, 2012. Any jobs submitted after this date are at risk of changed incentives and will not be included as part of the 2012 program cycle. Contractors are encouraged to submit jobs early to allow for processing time to correct any errors submitted job documentation. Please contact CBPCA with any questions you may have.

Important Links

Updated JRT: click [here](#)

Updated Contractor Handbook: click [here](#)

Contractor meeting video: click [here](#)

CBPCA website: click [here](#)

**Upcoming Training program by
EEBA**

**House that work workshop!! December 10th,
2012**

Visit <http://www.eeba.org/housethatwork/> to register.

Upcoming Event

December 12, 2012 from 1 - 2:30 pm CST

Watch a live webinar presented by Paul

Raymer, titled "[Ventilation systems and the](#)

[ASHRAE 62.2 standard](#) Free to view, pay for

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