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Program offers homeowners rebates for energy saving improvements

Homeowners can get rebates and low-interest loans to upgrade their properties with energy saving technologies under a new Get Energy Smart Retrofit rebate program. The program is being offered by Sarasota County and the cities of North Port, Venice and Sarasota.

People can sign up for the program beginning Friday, Aug. 6, at www.GetEnergySmart.net. The program provides a list of participating contractors who have been qualified to perform eligible home improvements that reduce energy consumption and save money. Once completed, homeowners can apply for rebates on specific energy saving home improvements.

The Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The campaign lowers community energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions while improving the economy through job creation and business opportunities.

For more information, contact the program administrator, Dwell Green at 888-464-4019 or visit www.GetEnergySmart.net.

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