



With the federal government tax credit, now is a great time to increase the value of your home.

The Home Renovation Tax Credit is a limited opportunity to receive money back on your investment. This tax credit opportunity ends February 10, 2010. The time to act is NOW!

Landscape Ontario represents over 2,000 members who maintain high professional standards in the horticulture industry. Homeowners have been asking the following questions about the Home Renovation Tax Credit. We hope the answers help you take advantage of this, one-time opportunity to green your property!

How much can I save?

A 15 per cent credit may be claimed on the portion of eligible expenditures exceeding \$1,000, but not more than \$10,000, which allows a maximum tax credit of \$1,350.

Which landscaping projects qualify?

- New sod
- Trees
- Shrubs
- Perennials
- Interlocking driveways
- Decks
- Retaining walls
- Pathways
- Irrigation and lighting systems
- Ponds and waterfalls
- Garden sheds
- Professional landscape design services
- Professional landscape contractor services



Where may I find a qualified professional to do my work?

Visit www.landscapeontario.com to find a qualified professional in your area. Landscape Ontario is one of the most vibrant professional associations in North America, comprised of over 2,000 member companies. The association promotes professionalism, education and training development.

Does the tax credit apply to hiring someone to clean up my yard?

No, the program applies to a professional who is creating any improvement or renovation of an enduring nature to your dwelling or the land on which the dwelling sits. Items that do not qualify include annuals, lawn and garden maintenance, tree maintenance, snow removal, hanging baskets, containers and planters.

Do I have to hire someone?

If you are landscaping the property yourself, the purchase of enduring plant material such as perennials, trees or shrubs qualifies under the program. However, do-it-yourself labour is not eligible for the tax credit. You may locate a Landscape Ontario garden centre member near you by going to www.landscapeontario.com. Many garden centres offer design consultation which would be covered by the credit.

How do I apply to receive the credit?

There is no application, simply file your claim next tax season. You are not required to send your receipts into Revenue Canada, but make sure you keep the receipts on file in case Revenue Canada questions your return.



For further information, visit the Revenue Canada site at www.cra-arc.gc.ca