

## Lethbridge and area business community embraces energy efficiency

**January 23, 2019, Calgary, Alta.** – When it comes to embracing energy efficiency, Lethbridge residents and businesses have been very responsive to Energy Efficiency Alberta’s programs to save energy and money. Energy Efficiency Alberta vice-president, Darryl Hill, was in Lethbridge today providing an update on Lethbridge’s incredible uptake of the agency’s energy saving programs.

- Lethbridge had about eight per cent of homes upgrading to energy efficient products.
- Local contractors installed more than 85,000 energy efficient products in the city.
- More than 35 Lethbridge residents, non-profit and commercial organizations embarked on installing solar panels. This powered the equivalent of more than 2,000 homes for a year.
- Lethbridge residents undertook 289 energy-efficient renovation projects in the city. Local contractors installed 187 tankless water heaters or drain water heat recovery units, completed more than 150 insulation projects and replaced more than 75 windows.
- Approximately 44 businesses and non-profit organizations accessed more than \$850,000 in incentives from Energy Efficiency Alberta.
- More than 60 Lethbridge contractors, retailers, and businesses have participated in Energy Efficiency Alberta programs as of October 2018.

Speaking at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Hill discussed how Alberta businesses are benefiting from the energy efficient economy:

“In our first year of operations, Albertans enabled \$330 million in energy savings when you factor in the lifetime of certain products and installations. Basically, that boils down to a return of \$3 for every \$1 invested. But also, Alberta’s economy is growing – by \$475 million – through investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, helping create more than 2,300 jobs.”

Since its inception in 2017, Energy Efficiency Alberta has seen almost 13 million products installed across the province and Albertans avoided about 3.4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over the lifetime of those products.

Learn about other ways to save money and energy through energy efficiency programs at [efficiencyalberta.ca](http://efficiencyalberta.ca).

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