## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RDN Residents Invited to the Free Draft-Proofing Workshops and Other Fall Outreach Series Activities

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has partnered with CarbonWise Solutions to deliver a series of free, skills-focused workshops showing RDN residents how to draft proof their homes, resulting in energy savings and improving home comfort. The two-hour, in-person workshops will be led by industry experts who will show participants how to locate and fix draft issues, air-sealing techniques and how to apply weatherstripping to their doors and windows. There will also be interactive displays for participants to get hands-on experience.

Workshop Dates and Times	Location
September 19, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Civic Centre, (Lions Room) 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
October 4, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Cedar Community Hall (Main Hall), 2388 Cedar Rd, Nanaimo
October 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Beban Social Centre (Rooms 1 and 2), 2300 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo

Workshop spaces are limited to 30 participants and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are encouraged to register early by email to sustainability@rdn.bc.ca or by calling 250-390-5422. For more information on the workshop, visit rdn.bc.ca/community-education-events.

In addition to these workshops, the RDN has other sustainability and climate-friendly home upgrade programs and services as part of the Fall Outreach Series including:

- A climate-friendly homes tour on Sunday, October 6. The Climate Friendly Homes Tour is an opportunity to see climate-friendly homes and a chance to engage with experts and homeowners who have successfully implemented sustainable living practices in their homes. Visit climatefriendlyhomestour.ca for information and soon-to-be-released tour map for your area.
- Webinars from the Home Energy Navigator Program including the House-As-A-System Approach,
  Matching Motivations to Upgrades, Draft-proofing DIY and After the Retrofit. This program connects
  participants with an Energy Concierge who answers questions, provides support and gives local,
  expert advice to help navigate the complex world of home energy retrofits. To sign up, visit
  homeenergynav.ca.
- Rebates and incentives for switching to renewable energy systems, installing an electric vehicle charging station, completing a home energy assessment, irrigation upgrades, rainwater harvesting, wellhead upgrades and more. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit rdn.bc.ca/rdn-rebates for information on availability and how to apply.
- The Sustainable Site Planning Guide that helps homeowners and builders lower the impact of construction, landscaping and major renovation projects on the natural environment.

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- The Rainwater Harvesting Best Practices Guidebook that provides guidance on the design, installation and maintenance of residential rainwater harvesting systems.
- Home Energy Efficiency How-to: Rebates and Renovations webpage that provides step-by-step guidance on how to complete a home energy retrofit.

For more information on these and other programs, visit rdn.bc.ca/energy-and-sustainability.

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