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The banks get a government bailout. The automakers get a government bailout. Does it seem like you're the only person in the country who is not getting a government bailout? Guess what? Now you get one!

Your government wants to give you up to \$1,500. It's not a loan like they're giving to banks and automakers. No, it's free cash. And the best part is you don't even have to appear before Congress to get it.

In February of this year, President Obama signed an Economic Stimulus Bill designed to create jobs by making infrastructure improvements, helping homeowners with home purchases, and so on. One of the ways it will create jobs is by encouraging homeowners to invest in energy efficiency for their homes.

The stimulus actually provides very substantial tax credits to you when you upgrade your home's heating and cooling system and install high efficiency furnaces, air conditioners or heat pumps.

"What exactly is a tax credit?" you ask. Good question. In simple terms, it's just like cash from the government. It's better than a tax "deduction." A tax deduction simply reduces your taxable income. A tax credit reduces your final tax liability dollar for dollar.

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PREPARE FOR SUMMER

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Aunt Carol's Cream Cheese Brownie Squares

Ingredients

3 oz cream cheese
 3 large eggs
 4 oz BAKER'S GERMAN'S Sweet Chocolate
 1 cup sugar
 5 T butter
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1/2 cup plus 1 additional tablespoon un-sifted flour
 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F (177 C). Melt the chocolate and 3 tablespoons of butter over low heat while stirring constantly. Allow the mixture to cool.

Now beat cream cheese with 2 tablespoons of butter until soft. Slowly add in 1/4 cup of sugar and continue beating



until light and fluffy. Add 1 egg, 1 tablespoon of flour, and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla. Set cheese mixture aside.

Whip the remaining two eggs thoroughly until fluffy. Now slowly add 3/4 cup of sugar and beat until thick. Fold in 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon of salt, and 1/2 cup of flour. Add to the cooled chocolate mixture and blend together. Mix in 1 teaspoon of vanilla, almond extract and walnuts.

Set 1 cup of the batter to the side. Grease an 8x8 pan. Spread remaining chocolate batter in pan. Pour cheese mixture over top. Spoon the chocolate onto the cheese mixture and swirl with a spatula to create marbling. Bake for 35-40 minutes. Allow to cool. Cut into squares. Cover and refrigerate.

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Drive Wise To Reduce Air Pollution

- Drive less, especially during peak traffic periods or hot days.
- Use public transportation, walk, or ride a bike.
- Shop by phone, mail or Internet.
- Telecommute. Even one day a week will make a big difference.
- Combine your errands into one trip.
- Avoid revving or idling engine over 30 seconds.
- Avoid waiting in long drive-thru lines, for example, at fast-food restaurants or banks. Park your car and go in.
- Use an energy-conserving (E.C.) grade of motor oil.
- Get regular engine tune ups and car maintenance checks (especially for the spark plugs).
- Replace your car's air filter and oil regularly.
- Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned.
- Fill gas tank during cooler evening hours to cut down on evaporation. Avoid spilling gas and don't "top off" the tank. Replace gas tank cap tightly.

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Earn Up To \$1,500 In Tax Credits This Year

In short, you can get as much as \$1,500 from Uncle Sam for upgrading your heating and cooling system. But it gets even better. Today's state-of-the-art heating and air conditioning equipment is more efficient than ever. The technology has improved, which means your utility bills will shrink.

Because your investment in your home is being subsidized by the government and because it reduces your utilities, it beats virtually any investment currently available. Put a dollar into the stock market and it may or may not increase. Put a dollar into your heating and air conditioning system and the return is not only guaranteed, the government will help you pay for it.

Plus, financial returns are taxed. Investments in home technology that generate a return by lowering your bills are tax free!

The reason the government is pushing home energy efficiency (i.e., paying you to make your house more efficient) is that it's one of the

easiest and most inexpensive ways to reduce the country's energy use. When you and millions of other consumers take advantage of this tax credit, the country will see a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, less need to build new power plants and their accompanying transmission lines, and more.

To earn your \$1,500 tax credit on next year's taxes, we need to install the "qualifying" equipment this year. Aside from selecting the right equipment (we can help you), the program is simple.

There are no crazy hoops to jump through and no stacks of paperwork to fill out. It's just a simple form that you file with your taxes. The government has made it very easy to take advantage of this program.

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market, your best investment is in your home and family. Call us at **605-225-9822**.

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1. By replacing your heating or air conditioning system you can earn up to how much in tax credits? \$500 \$1000 \$1500
2. TRUE/FALSE—A tax credit is the same as a tax deduction?
3. Investments in home technology that generate a return by lowering your bills are _____.

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Summer is right around the corner. Here is a little information about the natural insect repellents, deet, and the new chemical picaridin. Follow this link to read more from the article that this piece was taken from:

http://pediatrics.about.com/od/summersafety/a/0707_insect_rep.htm

Although insect repellents with DEET work great and are thought to be safe to use on children, there are still many parents who prefer DEET-free insect repellents. Many older reports associate DEET with possible toxic side effects, including seizures. DEET has been found to be safe to use, though, even on young children. Still, a DEET-free insect repellent is fine to use if you prefer it and it works for your child. Popular insect repellents that are DEET-free include:

- Avon Skin So Soft Bug Guard Insect Repellent
- OFF! Botanicals Plant Based Insect Repellent (oil of lemon eucalyptus)
- Cutter Advanced Insect Repellent (Picaridin)
- Bull Frog Mosquito Coast
- Burt's Bees Herbal Insect Repellent (Lemongrass Oil, Citronella Oil, Rosemary Oil)
- California Baby Bug Repellent Spray with Citronella
- Repel Plant Based Lemon Eucalyptus Insect Repellent

Remember that, according their labels, products with oil of lemon eucalyptus (e.g. OFF! Botanicals) should not be used on children under age three.

Picaridin is another chemical ingredient found in repellents and is not a natural product. It is thought to be as effective as DEET and can be another option for parents looking for an alternative to DEET to consider.

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