

## **Misty Mountains Realty is taking the Challenge!**

Misty Mountains Realty is participating in the Community Energy Challenge (CEC) to reduce energy use, save money, and decrease pollution in Whatcom County. They are proud to report that a thorough energy assessment of their office by the Community Energy Challenge revealed that earlier efforts, such as installing efficient lighting, are paying off in real savings.

Based on the building assessment, their customized action plan recommended that they upgrade the electric resistance heating system to a heat pump, which will save the small office hundreds a year. Available rebates and incentives cover more than half of the project cost and they are able to use an exclusive low-interest loan program through the CEC to cover the rest of the costs.

“Saving energy is a great way to live the environmental values of our company,” says Tyrel Jackson, designated broker. “And the CEC helped us figure out what made the most sense to do and it was clear that now is the smartest time to do it from a business perspective.”

Misty Mountains Realty is also looking forward to helping their clients take advantage of this opportunity to save energy and money at home. The Community Energy Challenge residential program offers Whatcom homeowners low-cost home energy assessments, a custom action plan, a Home Energy Advisor to provide guidance, vetted contractors to complete the work, third party quality assurance, and financial incentives and low-interest loans to help finance the work. Energy efficiency has never been easier!

The Community Energy Challenge, a collaboration between non-profits Sustainable Connections and the Opportunity Council, provides homes and small businesses in Whatcom County with technical expertise and financial assistance to make saving energy easy and affordable. As a participant in the CEC, Misty Mountains will continue to receive regular reports showing their energy savings as they complete the recommendations in their Facility Action Plan. Misty Mountains is joining many other local homes and businesses working together to make Whatcom County a national leader in energy efficiency.

If you would like more information about the CEC or want to sign your home or business up for an assessment, visit [www.CommunityEnergyChallenge.org](http://www.CommunityEnergyChallenge.org) or call 360-676-6099.