

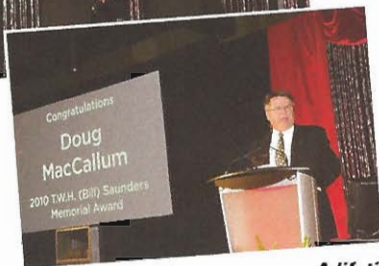
**Doug & Roz – Your Real Estate Connection**



## Doug MacCallum Tops The 2010 List

Doug MacCallum accepts the TWH (Bill) Saunders Award during April's President Gala Event for the Calgary Real Estate Board. Described as a strong leader, a knowledgeable REALTOR® with high work ethics, a mentor, and a loyal individual, Doug has been a constant contributor and champion on numerous committees and task forces within CREB.

*"I thank my wife Roz, for helping out when I'm busy with committee work. And thanks to everyone who helped make this possible."*



**Calgary Real Estate Board REALTOR® Of The Year 2010**

*A lifetime achievement for Doug, and recognition for his ongoing volunteering and community-building.*



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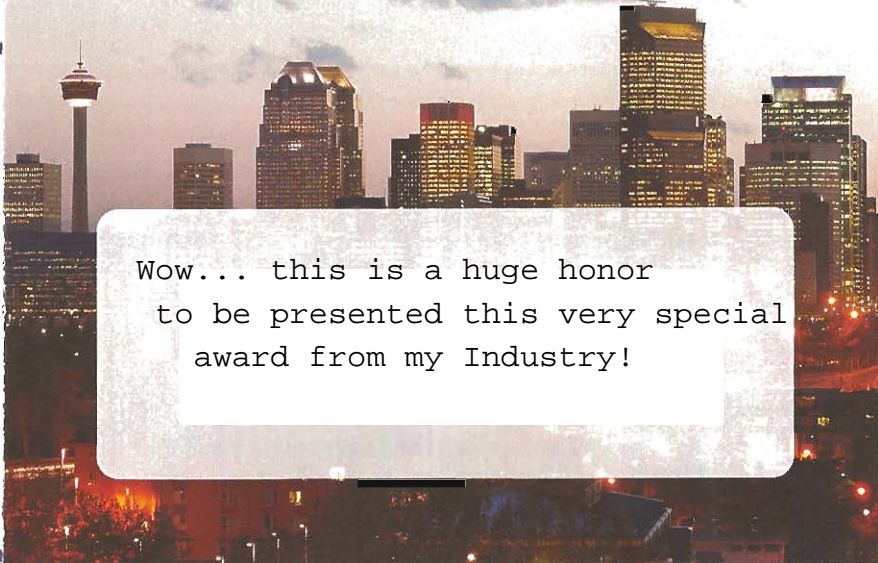


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CREB Realtor Of The Year 2010



Wow... this is a huge honor  
to be presented this very special  
award from my Industry!

Each year, the Calgary Real Estate Board recognizes just one REALTOR® who exemplifies high standards of professionalism, leadership and outstanding dedication to the community. And I am honoured to have been chosen for this recognition for 2010.

It was a really great moment for me as they highlighted some of my community involvement - including assisting the Performing Arts Lodge, the annual community Stampede breakfast, Block Watch, and many other organizations. Also the work I've done with Shakespeare in the City, as a director of the Calgary Public Theatre, as well as being an organizer with yearly Children's Wish fundraisers. It's indeed a privilege and honour to be selected for this award.

We thank you, our family, friends, clients, and associates, for your ongoing support and recommendations.

*Doug & Roz*

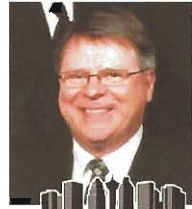
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## It Uses How Much Electricity?

Electronic Energy Meters are inexpensive and easy to use. They plug right into a wall outlet, so you can then plug a lamp, TV, or fridge into it. The LCD screen reveals energy consumption. You can input the price of electricity in \$/kWh and calculate the cost to run individual appliances.

Using one of these meters is a great way to see if it's time to replace old appliances, like the fridge in the basement – by comparing it to the newer model, likely in your kitchen. You can see what the table lamp in the hall, that burns all night, every night, really costs to keep on.



It's also the ideal way to measure the "phantom" power that electronics use when they're in standby mode, and see how much you're spending hour after hour. Check computers, printers, TVs and stereos. You'll be amazed how the costs add up. Dollars you can measure. Habits you can change.

## Internet Tablet

OR 1 of 3 Electronic Power Meters

Winning a Lucky Draw is fun. So, we've joined with some fellow agents for this Lucky Draw, Spring Contest.



It's easy to Enter. Scan our QR Code with your SmartPhone, OR log on to: [www.myrealtiyagent.ca/contest](http://www.myrealtiyagent.ca/contest) for entry and Contest rules and details.

This is a time limited Lucky Draw Contest – enter on or before June 15, 2011.

## Pest Stoppers

With warm weather comes bug season.

This year consider "chemical-free" alternatives to keep pests away.

### Stopping Ants is a Picnic

Sprinkle a line of Cinnamon around the areas where you've spotted ant armies. Basil leaves also work well. They don't like the "smell" and won't cross the line. Works for picnics too - sprinkle Cinnamon around the blanket.

### Shoo Fly

Basil is a tasty way to keep flies away. Add a little to your summer salads. And place a few leaves on the table when you're eating outdoors to ward off flying pests.

### Bees Be Outta Here

Keep outdoor entertaining bee-free by tying a few Dryer Anti-Static Sheets around chair legs and tree branches.

### Natural Mosquito-Be-Gone

Keep a few drops of Clove Oil on the back deck. The scent masks other aromas that attract annoying mosquitoes. You can even wear a few drops as personal mosquito repellent.

## Adding Smoke To The BBQ?

BBQ season is here... really! To add a smoky flavour, add water-soaked hickory or apple wood onto the barbecue.

If you decide to "cook with wood", avoid conifer trees such as pine, fir, spruce, redwood and cedar. The heavy resins from these woods are not food-friendly. Don't use lumber scraps, especially pressure treated lumber from a deck or fence project, as they are usually treated with a poisonous wood preservative.

## Radon From Granite Countertops - A Concern?

There's been some controversy about Radon coming from granite countertops. Radon is a colourless, odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally. It comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soils and rocks.

Yes, some granites could contain natural uranium. However, most of the granite sold for use as countertops emits little or no Radon Gas. A 2010 Health Canada study verified that none of the 33 types of granite commonly purchased in Canada were found to have significant levels of Radon.

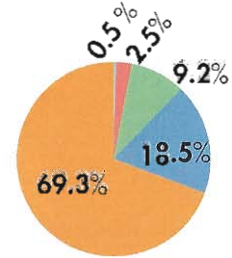
If you're wondering, we can recommend a home inspector that can test for the presence of Radon.

Or, for more information on Radon, check the Health Canada website: [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radon](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radon)

### Sources of Radon

69.3%	Soil around the house
18.5%	Well water
9.2%	Outdoor air
2.5%	Building materials
0.5%	Public water supplies

\* SOURCE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



## Make Your House Number Visible

It's one thing if the pizza delivery misses your home, but when emergency services are called, every second counts. Making your house number visible, day and night, means emergency services can quickly and easily locate your home.

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