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## **Ohio Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program**

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

**Q: Will the program be similar for all States?**

**A:** No. Each state and territory has a unique program which will vary in time periods implemented, appliances eligible for rebates, and the rebate amounts awarded. Unlike “Cash for Clunkers,” which was federally administered, this program will be administered by individual state governments. There are 56 (50 states and 6 territories) different programs.

**Q: Which appliances are eligible for rebates?**

**A:** Only select ENERGY STAR® refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers, high-efficiency gas storage water heaters, and electric heat pump water heaters will be eligible to receive a rebate in the Ohio Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program

**Q: Where can I find a list of qualified appliances?**

**A:** A list of qualified ENERGY STAR® appliances can be found on the ENERGY STAR® website – [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Please note that the State of Ohio will only honor rebates for the following appliances posted on the ENERGY STAR® website:

*Refrigerators\* –*

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=refrig.display\\_products.html](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=refrig.display_products.html)

\*only ENERGY STAR® refrigerators with a volume of 7.75 cubic feet or

greater are eligible for a rebate, mini-refrigerators are not eligible for a rebate.

*Clothes washers –*

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=clotheswash.display\\_products\\_html](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=clotheswash.display_products_html)

*Dishwashers –*

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=dishwash.display\\_products\\_html](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=dishwash.display_products_html)

*High-efficiency gas storage water heater –*

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=gas\\_storage.display\\_products\\_html](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=gas_storage.display_products_html)

*Electric pump water heater –*

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=heat\\_pump.display\\_products\\_html](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=heat_pump.display_products_html)

**Q: How much money can I expect to receive for a rebate?**

**A:** Each eligible appliance type will have a dollar value designated for the rebate:

- \$100 rebate – select ENERGY STAR® refrigerators, dishwashers, and high-efficiency gas storage water heaters
- \$150 rebate – select ENERGY STAR® clothes washers
- \$250 rebate – select ENERGY STAR® electric heat pump water heater

**Q: I need to purchase more than one appliance. Can I receive a rebate on more than one appliance?**

**A:** Yes, your household may receive multiple rebates if you replace different types of appliances. Your household may not receive more than one rebate per appliance type (refrigerator, clothes washer, dishwasher, high-efficiency gas water heater, electric heat pump water heater). Example: You may receive two rebates, one for a refrigerator and one for a dishwasher, but you may not receive two rebates for two refrigerators.

**Q: If I have an old dishwasher, can I trade it in for a new refrigerator? (Can one appliance type be traded in for another?)**

**A:** No. To be eligible for a rebate, the purchased ENERGY STAR® appliances must replace the same type of appliance. For example, an ENERGY STAR® dishwasher must replace an energy-inefficient dishwasher; a purchased ENERGY STAR® refrigerator must replace an energy-inefficient refrigerator.

Please note: Either an ENERGY STAR® electric heat pump water heater or an ENERGY STAR® high-efficiency gas storage water heater may replace any type of energy-inefficient water heater.

**Q: When will the program start?**

**A:** The program will begin on March 26, 2010.

**Q: When will the program end?**

**A:** Rebates are limited and will only be honored for purchases made within the specified program time periods, or until funds are depleted on a first come, first served basis, according to the following timeframes.

March 26, 2010 – April 19, 2010

Qualified ENERGY STAR® refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers

March 26, 2010 – May 24, 2010

Qualified ENERGY STAR® high-efficiency gas storage water heaters and electric heat pump water heaters

If rebate funds are available after the appliance's program periods have ended, then funds will be reallocated and offered to those on waiting lists for appliances in high demand.

**Q: How many rebates will be available?**

**A:** Ohio will distribute 89,335 rebates according to the following schedule, which is subject to change:

Refrigerators – 26,172 rebates

Clothes Washers – 24,428 rebates

Dishwashers – 20,938 rebates

High-efficiency gas storage water heaters – 15,703 rebates

Electric heat pump water heaters – 2,094 rebates

**Q: What is the total amount of money the state of Ohio will be distributing in rebates?**

**A:** The State of Ohio will distribute a total of \$10,469,000 in rebates to eligible Ohio residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Q: How much energy can I save using an ENERGY STAR® appliance?**

**A:** Savings will depend on individual usage and appliance model. Additional information can be found on the ENERGY STAR® website – [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). Cost savings calculators for the following appliances are accessible at the links below:

Refrigerators –

[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk\\_purchasing/bpsavings\\_calc/Consumer\\_Residential\\_Refrig\\_Sav\\_Calc.xls](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk_purchasing/bpsavings_calc/Consumer_Residential_Refrig_Sav_Calc.xls)

Clothes Washers –

[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk\\_purchasing/bpsavings\\_calc/CalculatorConsumerClothesWasher.xls](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk_purchasing/bpsavings_calc/CalculatorConsumerClothesWasher.xls)

Dishwashers –

[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk\\_purchasing/bpsavings\\_calc/CalculatorConsumerDishwasher.xls](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk_purchasing/bpsavings_calc/CalculatorConsumerDishwasher.xls)

High-efficiency gas storage water heaters –

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=gas\\_storage.pr\\_savings\\_benefits](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=gas_storage.pr_savings_benefits)

Electric heat pump water heaters –

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=heat\\_pump.pr\\_savings\\_benefits](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=heat_pump.pr_savings_benefits)

*Savings for the State of Ohio –*

The program is estimated to reduce annual energy consumption for the entire State of Ohio by 11,656,501 kilowatt-hours (kWh) and 449,755 therms, and reduce water consumption by 175,652,211 gallons annually.

**Q: Are businesses, landlords, or commercial property owners eligible for a rebate?**

**A:** No, the program is for residential participation only. Commercial property owners may be eligible for another American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program – Making Building Efficiency Work, which is offered through the ARRA-State Energy Program. A Request for Proposal is expected to be released by the Ohio Department of Development in March – April 2010. For details on the State Energy Program, please visit: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/StateEnergyProgram.htm>.

**Q: Who is eligible for a rebate?**

**A:** Ohio residential consumers that adhere to the program's terms and conditions are eligible.

**Q: Can I purchase my appliance using the internet?**

**A:** No. In order to be eligible to receive a rebate, consumers must purchase select appliances from an Ohio retail location. Online purchases are not eligible for a rebate.

**Q: Can I keep my old appliance?**

**A:** No, rebates will only be honored for newly purchased appliances that are replacing an old, inefficient appliance. Replaced appliances must be properly recycled according to Ohio and federal law. Unlike the "Cash for Clunkers" program, you will not need to bring your old appliance to a store, but you will have to properly recycle the old appliance. The State will publish additional guidance about proper recycling practices prior to the program launch date of March 26, 2010.

**Q: Where can I find more information about the program?**

**A:** Consumers can get up-to-date information and learn about the program requirements by reviewing the Ohio Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

website - <http://www.OhioApplianceRebate.com>. Consumers should check back often for program updates.

**Q: I just bought an efficient appliance. Will the rebates be available retroactively?**

**A:** Unfortunately, rebates are not retroactive. Only purchases of qualified products made during Ohio's specific program effective dates will be eligible for a rebate.

**Q: Why are rebates different state-by-state?**

**A:** Each state has specific energy needs, and the rebate program allows states the flexibility to design the appropriate program for their particular needs. For example, residents living in warm-weather states may benefit more from the use of energy-efficient air conditioners, while consumers in a cold-weather state would benefit more from efficient furnaces.

**Q: What is the ENERGY STAR® program?**

**A:** ENERGY STAR® is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping consumers save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. All appliances and products with the ENERGY STAR® label meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.

**Q: Can consumers combine the rebate with other incentives, such as the federal tax credit or a utility rebate?**

**A:** Consumers can combine a state rebate with the [federal tax credit](#) for the same product, as long as the purchase qualifies under the rules of both programs and is not specifically excluded. Consumers may combine the state rebate with a local utility rebate, but eligibility should be verified with both organizations. For more information on additional incentives and rebates, please see the [Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#).

**Q: What criteria were used to decide the types of appliances available for a rebate?**

**A:** A number of criteria were used to determine which appliances would be available for a rebate, including:

- 1) The potential for energy savings,
- 2) Recommendations by Department of Energy,
- 3) The current market share of ENERGY STAR® appliances in Ohio,
- 4) The positive strategic impact on Ohio's economy, and
- 5) The current levels of incentives available for various appliances at the utility, state, and federal level.

**Q: Why aren't clothes dryers eligible for a rebate? What criteria were used to decide the types of appliances available for a rebate?**

**A:** ENERGY STAR® does not label clothes dryers because most dryers use similar amounts of energy, which means there is little difference in the energy use between models. The Department of Energy's Appliance Standards program conducted a detailed study which found that the clothes dryers on the U.S. market do not vary significantly from each other in terms of energy consumption.

For more information please go to:

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=clotheswash.pr\\_clothes\\_dryers.](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=clotheswash.pr_clothes_dryers)

**Q: Is there an income limitation associated with the program?**

**A:** No, there is no income limitation to participate in the program.

**Q: Is there a price limitation or requirement for the newly purchased ENERGY STAR® appliance?**

**A:** No. Unlike the "Cash for Clunkers" Program, there will not be a price limitation for newly purchased ENERGY STAR® appliances.