

# **Kentucky Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **When will the rebate program take effect?**

The program will begin in the spring of 2010. If any funds are still remaining there will be a second rebate period in the fall.

### **What appliances will be covered and what are the rebate amounts?**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Rebate</b>	<b>Eligible Models</b>
Clothes washers	\$100	<a href="#">View</a>
Dishwashers	\$50	<a href="#">View</a>
Refrigerators	\$50	<a href="#">View</a>
Freezers	\$50	<a href="#">View</a>
Room air conditioners	\$40	<a href="#">View</a>
Electric pump water heaters	\$400	<a href="#">View</a>
Hi-efficiency gas storage water heaters (EF>=0.62)	\$50	<a href="#">View</a>
Hi-performance gas storage water heaters (EF>=0.67)	\$100	<a href="#">View</a>
Gas tankless water heaters	\$300	<a href="#">View</a>
Solar water heaters (electric back up)	\$400	<a href="#">View</a>
Solar water heaters (gas back up)	\$400	<a href="#">View</a>
Central air conditioners	\$100	<a href="#">View</a>
Air source heat pumps	\$400	<a href="#">View</a>
Geothermal heat pumps	\$400	<a href="#">View</a>
Gas furnaces	\$300	<a href="#">View</a>
Gas boilers	\$200	<a href="#">View</a>

\*If just one household purchased each of these appliances the impact would be the equivalent of taking 17 cars off the road for a year and planting 20 acres of forest. Please visit: <http://www.energystar.gov> for ENERGY STAR savings calculators by product and see how you will reduce your home energy costs.

### **How were these products selected?**

Kentucky is offering rebates on 17 ENERGY STAR qualified appliances allowed under the U.S. Department of Energy's recommendations. This selection provides our residents with the widest choices possible, and these appliances account for 70% of household energy costs. Nationally, the average household spends approximately \$2,200 annually on energy bills.

**Who will issue the rebates?**

The Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence is reviewing proposals from rebate fulfillment companies through its public bidding process. The rebate company selected will be responsible for administering the program.

**How long will the rebate program last?**

It is anticipated that all funds will be spent in 2010, but it is possible that the program will extend into 2011, depending on the popularity of the program and unspent funds. Rebates will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**How much money will Kentucky spend on the rebate program and where is this money coming from?**

The rebates are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the goal of which is to stimulate jobs growth and reduce energy costs. Each state is eligible for a pro-rata portion of the Act's allotted \$300,000,000 based on each state's population. Kentucky's share of this federal money is approximately \$4,000,000. This program will help boost Kentucky's economy, reduce household bills, and help protect the environment.

**Who is eligible for a rebate?**

Eligible consumers are residents of Kentucky making purchases of replacement appliances from Kentucky retailers. This means that the consumer must be an individual with a Kentucky residence who is looking to get rid of an older appliance and replace it with a qualified ENERGY STAR appliance, and it must be purchased in Kentucky. The rebate fulfillment company will screen out anyone not meeting these criteria, and will monitor the program to ensure no fraud is taking place.

**Are multiple rebates allowed?**

If a consumer purchases different covered ENERGY STAR appliances, the consumer may receive a rebate for each appliance. However, if a consumer purchases the same appliance multiple times, such as purchasing three refrigerators, only one rebate may be issued.

**Will rebates be retroactively applied?**

No, you must purchase the appliance during the effective period, and appliances purchased before or after that effective period are not eligible.

**What will I do with my old appliance?**

Many counties and retailers offer haul away and disposal or recycling of old appliances. Kentucky strongly encourages the proper disposal and recycling of old appliances.

**May I combine the Kentucky rebate with a utility or retailer incentive program?**

Yes, provided you meet the eligibility rules for each program.

**What does ENERGY STAR mean?**

Appliances with an ENERGY STAR label have met strict energy efficiency guidelines set jointly by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These guidelines are designed to help consumers save money and to protect the environment.

**How much energy will be saved by using ENERGY STAR appliances?**

The goal of the Kentucky program is to achieve the following savings over the lifetime of all ENERGY STAR products predicted to be sold under the rebate program:

- Natural gas (therms): 6,303,388
- Gallons of water: 230,943,625
- Btus: 997,301,934,828
- Lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>: 240,651,109