



Q. When will the rebates be available?

A. Phase 1: The official start of Washington's Cash for Appliances program was March 15, 2010.
Phase 2: Additional appliances are being added to the program, eligible for purchases on or after June 28, 2010.

Q. What rebates are available for Phases 1 and 2?

A. Phase 1, available for qualifying purchases made on or after **March 15, 2010**. (Also available in Phase 2)

- ENERGY STAR® Refrigerators (≥ 9 cubic feet, with proof of decommissioning/recycling) \$75 rebate
- ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washers ($MEF \geq 2.46$ and $WF \leq 4.0$) \$150* rebate

Please note: Clothes Washer rebates have increased from \$100 to \$150. All customers who have submitted an eligible application and/or received a rebate check for \$100 clothes washer rebate will automatically receive an additional check for \$50.

Phase 2, available for qualifying purchases made on or after **June 28, 2010**.

Please be sure to review the additional eligibility details for each appliance before purchasing.

- ENERGY STAR® Dishwashers (≤ 307 kWh/year and ≤ 5.0 gallons per cycle) \$75 rebate
- ENERGY STAR® Heat Pump Water Heaters ($EF \geq 2.0$) \$250 rebate
- ENERGY STAR® Gas Storage Water Heaters ($EF \geq 0.67$) \$200 rebate
- ENERGY STAR® Gas Tankless Water Heaters ($EF \geq 0.90$) \$300 rebate
- ENERGY STAR® Ductless Heat Pumps ($EER \geq 12$, $SEER \geq 14.5$, $HPSF \geq 8.2$) \$750 rebate

Q. Will rebates be available retroactively?

A. No. Purchases **must** be made during the official program period which started March 15, 2010 for Phase 1 appliances, and on or after June 28, 2010 for Phase 2 appliances. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis and are available through December 31, 2011, or until funds run out, whichever occurs first.

Q. Why is the Program changing?

A. In order to make the program available to a broader base of consumers and encourage the transition to additional high efficiency we are launching a second phase of the program.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for a rebate?

A. The eligibility requirements set forth by ARRA and Washington's SEEARP include:

- Rebates are available to all Washington State consumers on a first come, first served basis until funds run out.
- Rebates are NOT available retroactively for purchases made before the start date listed above.
- Rebates are for the replacement of existing appliances in residential occupancies in Washington.
- Rebates are limited to one appliance per category per household.
- Rebates are for appliances purchased where proof of payment of Washington State sales tax is evident on the receipt (exemptions only for purchases on military exchanges and for tribal member purchase with delivery to tribal lands). Proof of paid sales tax is waived if a licensed contractor installs the appliance; Contractor must complete the Contractor Installation Details portion of the application.
- To receive the state rebate for a refrigerator, proof must be provided that the replaced refrigerator was recycled, or at least decommissioned in accordance with state disposal laws.
- Rebates cannot be paid to commercial or institutional organizations, Community Action agencies, new construction, or landlords.

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Q. Where, how and when do I apply for the rebate?

A. Customers may submit applications after the purchase and installation of the appliance. Customers may either mail, fax or scan and email the application and supporting documentation to Cash for Appliances WA. Please submit the application once.

Q. Can I combine the state rebate with other rebates?

A. Yes! To increase consumer savings, Cash for Appliance rebates may be used in conjunction with existing manufacturer, retailer, and utility company rebates. In many cases your local utility already provides generous appliance and equipment rebates. Some electric utilities also offer a rebate for recycling your replaced refrigerators. *Please Note: Not all refrigerator recycling rebate programs work with the Cash for Appliances rebate so please check with your utility prior to making your purchase to confirm eligibility requirements.* Again, we urge you to call your local gas or electric utility to learn more about their program requirements. You can also search the Database of State Incentives at <http://www.dsireusa.org>. (Just click on the state of Washington map) or check out www.energystar.gov/rebatefinder.

Q. How do I comply with the requirement to provide proof that the replaced refrigerator was recycled, or at least decommissioned in accordance with state disposal laws?

A. Many retailers provide haul-away services for recycling or decommissioning free of charge or for a minimal fee at the time of delivery of the new refrigerator. The retail sales receipt will indicate that the old refrigerator will be picked up and the delivery driver will provide a second receipt showing pickup of the unit. Both receipts will need to be included with the rebate application. We also encourage you to check with your local utility to see if they are offering a refrigerator recycling incentive program for which your old appliance would qualify. If your local retailer or utility does not provide this service, you will need to find recycling and decommissioning resources in your area. The website <http://1800recycle.wa.gov> is a good resource for information on recycling locations in Washington. Look for a facility that accepts **Appliances, w/ CFCs**. In some cases, charges might apply. For the few instances that a receipt cannot be acquired, signature on the rebate form from a representative of the haul-away company or the drop-off site will be required in place of the receipt. If an alternative recycling service was used to recycle the unit, a copy of the receipt from the service verifying the unit was turned in must be submitted with the rebate application in addition to the sales receipt for the new unit. Eligible services may include: Local municipality program (through counties, cities, towns, or villages) or private recycling services. A signature from a representative of a haul-away or drop off site proving the refrigerator has been properly recycled is required. Customer must request a detailed receipt from these facilities.

Q. Will rebates be available for new construction?

A. No. U.S. Department of Energy requires us to restrict the program to replacement of existing appliances. One of the goals of the program is to remove old, inefficient appliances from the electric grid.

Q. How much money is available?

A. The funding available for rebates to consumers is approximately \$5,607,450. Check the website for funds remaining.

Q: Why these appliances?

A. In determining which appliances to include in the rebate program, Commerce considered the objectives of ARRA, SEEARP and the amount of money available, as well as the goals of the 6th Northwest Power Plan. One of the goals of the program is to introduce consumers to these new higher efficiency appliances and create a market transformation bringing significant long term benefits to Washington.

Q. Who is eligible for this recovery fund program and what can this money be used for?

A. On October 15, 2009, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for participation in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

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funded State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP). Approval was received November 2009, authorizing development and implementation of this program.

Individual residential consumers in Washington replacing existing refrigerators and clothes washers with Energy Efficient appliances will be the final benefactors of the appliance rebate funds. These funds will supplement existing rebate programs. Our goal is to have a program that makes it easy for consumers to obtain both incentives.

Please Note: In many cases your local utility already provides generous appliance and equipment rebates. We urge you to call your local gas or electric utility to learn more, or search the Database of State Incentives: <http://www.dsireusa.org>. (Just click on the state of Washington map). We also have a listing of utilities on our website.

Q. What is Washington State Department of Commerce's role in distributing the money?

A. Washington State Department of Commerce will facilitate the distribution of money through Portland Energy Conservation, Inc (PECI), an experienced rebate processing company. This company will leverage and enhance existing marketing efforts being implemented by Washington utilities and retailers to reduce administrative costs and maximize funds available for consumer rebates. Commerce is responsible for tracking funds and reporting to DOE.

Q. Are there any other rules or obligations I need to know about?

A. Most importantly, remember that rebates will not be available retroactively, rebates will not be available for new homes and the rebates are limited to qualified appliances. U.S Department of Energy requires us to restrict the program to replacement of existing appliances. Any additional rules or obligations will be publicized as appropriate.

Q. I still have questions. Who do I contact to get more information?

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