

New rebates available on more appliances through Cash for Appliances Washington

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Washington State - The Cash for Appliances Washington rebate program has received almost 15,000 rebate applications and distributed nearly \$1.2M in rebate checks. The program has delivered nearly one quarter of the available \$5.6M in rebate funds to Washington residents. In order to make more products available to consumers, Cash for Appliances Washington is rolling out a second phase of the program this summer, offering residents even more opportunities to save energy and money through the purchase of qualified ENERGY STAR high-efficiency appliances.

"The federal recovery act investment in Cash for Appliances has already generated over \$13.5 million in retail appliance sales in Washington," said Rogers Weed, director of the Washington State Department of Commerce. "We're looking forward to the next, expanded phase of the program to pump more of those stimulus dollars into our economy."

Commerce launched the first phase of the Cash for Appliances Washington on March 15, 2010, offering a \$75 rebate on new ENERGY STAR refrigerators when the old unit is recycled. Phase 1 also offered a \$100 rebate on qualified high-efficiency ENERGY STAR clothes washers. This summer's Phase 2 launch increases the clothes washer rebate to \$150, helping to further offset the purchase price and generate sales and energy savings. 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. These rebates may be combined with available local utility rebates.

Phase 1 and 2 Rebates available for qualifying purchases on or after March 15, 2010

* ENERGY STAR(r) Refrigerators (? 9 cubic feet, with proof of decommissioning/recycling); \$75 rebate

* ENERGY STAR(r) Clothes Washers (MEF ? 2.46 and WF? 4.0); \$150 rebate

Phase 2 Rebates available for qualifying purchases on or after June 28, 2010

* ENERGY STAR(r) Dishwashers (? 307 kWh/year and ? 5.0 gallons per cycle); \$75 rebate

* ENERGY STAR(r) Heat Pump Water Heaters (EF ? 2.0) and must be installed by a licensed

contractor; \$250 rebate

* ENERGY STAR(r) Gas Storage Water Heaters (EF ? 0.67); \$200 rebate

* ENERGY STAR(r) Gas Tankless Water Heaters (EF ? 0.90) and must be installed by a licensed contractor; \$300 rebate

* ENERGY STAR(r) Ductless Heat Pumps (EER ? 12, SEER ? 14.5, HPSF ? 8.2) and

must be installed by a licensed contractor trained on the NW Ductless Heat Pump Project (www.goingductless.com www.goingductless.com>); \$750 rebate

All eligibility requirements in Phase 1 apply for Phase 2; Phase 2 also entails additional product specific requirements. These requirements as well as listings of qualified products are available at www.cashforapplianceswa.com.

The Cash for Appliances program is expected to save Washingtonians over 9,180,582 kWh of energy, 141,050,173 gallons of water and over 11,896,782 pounds of CO₂ annually through the replacement of old appliances with new efficient models. This is enough energy to fuel 597 homes for one year, and is equal to taking 1,341 cars off the road or planting 179,907 trees. The amount of water saved annually could fill 213 Olympic sized swimming pools.

Cash for Appliances Washington rebates are only available until funds are exhausted. Washington State sales tax must be paid unless the appliance is installed by a contractor, purchased at a Washington military exchange or from a Washington retailer and have a Native American exemption. Additional information including eligibility requirements, qualified appliances as well as the application form and instructions are available at retail locations or at www.cashforapplianceswa.com.

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