

State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

When will the appliance replacement rebate program begin in Connecticut and how long will it run?

The program will begin January 25, 2010. Phase I will run thru September 30, 2010. If funds for rebates are still available, a Phase II will be implemented.

Is this date earlier than other states?

Yes, the State of Connecticut's program will begin earlier than most of the other programs across the country.

What ENERGY STAR appliances qualify for the rebate?

Please see chart below:

Rebate Detail		
Qualified Appliances	Rebate Level (\$)	Minimum Efficiency Level
Refrigerators	\$50	Energy Star
Clothes Washers	\$100	Energy Star CEE Tier 2 and up
Freezers	\$50	Energy Star
Room Air Conditioners	\$50	Energy Star
Central A/C	\$500	Energy Star AHRI Rated CEE Tier 2

Why aren't clothes dryers eligible for the rebate?

Dryers are not eligible because ENERGY STAR does not label them. They use similar amounts of energy. For more information please go to:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=clotheswash.pr_clothes_dryers

Where can I learn about ENERGY STAR appliances?

The following is a helpful link:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=appliances.pr_appliances

Where can I get an application for a rebate?

Applications are available on this website and from Connecticut electric utility companies. Retailers will have them in stores by February 1, 2010.

Will the rebates be retroactive? Can I buy an appliance now and receive a rebate?

No, the rebates are not retroactive. The qualified appliances must be purchased during the rebate period (January 25 – September 30, 2010) to be eligible for a rebate.

Who is eligible to apply for a rebate?

The rebates will be available to consumers for qualified appliances installed in Connecticut residences.

Can I purchase an appliance from another state and receive a Connecticut rebate?

Yes, if there is proof that the qualified appliance is installed in a Connecticut residence.

How many appliances can I purchase and receive a rebate?

Each Connecticut residence is permitted one rebate per replaced qualified appliance, and up to three (3) room air conditioners.

Can I replace multiple room air-conditioners with a central air system?

No, it is not permitted due to the federal grant guidelines.

Are there any financial limits of value or exceptions for the rebates?

Yes, there is a limit on the value. The rebate cannot exceed 50% of the cost of the appliance. For example: If a consumer buys an air conditioner for \$80, the value of the rebate would be \$40 (50% of \$80), not \$50.

What does MEF mean?

Modified Energy Factor (MEF) is a new equation that replaced Energy Factor as a way to compare the relative efficiency of different units of clothes washers. The higher the Modified Energy Factor, the more efficient the clothes washer is.

MEF takes into account the amount of dryer energy used to remove the remaining moisture content in washer items. For information about this calculation, please see the [August 27, 1997 Federal Register entry regarding 10 CFR Part 430](#).

What does WF mean?

The Water Factor (WF) is the number of gallons per cycle per cubic foot that the clothes washer uses. The lower the water factor, the more efficient the washer is. So, if a clothes washer uses 30 gallons per cycle and has a tub volume of 3.0 cubic feet, then the water factor is 10.0.

Do I have to recycle the replaced appliance?

Consumers will certify on the rebate application that the “qualifying appliance replaces an existing less efficient model and is not a first time new appliance purchase.” Further, the consumer will “agree to recycle the replaced appliance in accordance to state standards and regulations.” Most retailers or your town/municipality will be able to provide information about the state standards for recycling appliances or may do it for you. These standards can also be found at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325496&depNav_GID=1646#Appliances

Can I have a rebate form mailed to me?

Yes, please call 877-947-3873 (877-WISE-USE) and request that an appliance replacement rebate application be mailed to you.