

Energy Star Clothes Washer Rebate Fact Sheet

Rationale

By offering a rebate on an Energy Star clothes washer to people with electric water heaters, water heater kWh consumption will be lowered because Energy Star clothes washers use less water than non-Energy Star clothes washers. They also spin clothes at higher speeds so that they are nearly dry at the end of the wash cycle thus reducing drying time.

Eligibility

- Residential customers with an electric water heater
- One rebate per member per address (limit of two)
 - For example if a member has both a primary residence and a lake house and is served by a co-op at both locations then they may have a rebate for each location
 - If they only have a vacation home located on co-op lines then only the vacation home address is eligible for the rebate
- Qualifying units will be:
 - As defined on the Energy Star website
 - http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=clotheswash.search_clotheswashers
 - **On January 1, 2007 the ENERGY STAR criteria for clothes washers changed.** To qualify for ENERGY STAR, a clothes washer must have a minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.72 and also a maximum Water Factor of 8.0. Before January 1, 2007, the minimum MEF was 1.42 and there was no Water Factor requirement. MEF is an equation for Energy Factor that takes into account the amount of dryer energy used to remove the remaining moisture content in washed items. Water Factor is the water use of the washer measured in gallons per cycle per cubic foot. [Learn about the ENERGY STAR criteria for Clothes Washers.](#)

Offer period

- April 15, 2010 – November 15, 2010
- Offer subject to change without notice

Specifics

- Rebate offered is \$50 when a customer purchases an Energy Star qualified clothes washers

Procedure for claiming rebate

- Customer submits rebate form to co-op with
 - copy of proof of purchase
 - copy of Energy Guide label with Energy Star logo
 - Verifies on rebate form that they have an electric water heater at the location where clothes washer will be used
- Co-op reviews rebate form for completeness and forwards to WVPA
- Co-op sends forms weekly to WVPA for monthly payment to co-op
- Co-op pays customers (after receiving payment from WVPA)