

Rhode Island Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program



Introduction

Guide for Rhode Island Residents

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated funds to each state for the establishment and administration of appliance rebate programs. The amount available to Rhode Island residents is \$882,000. This is a first-come-first-serve rebate program launching March 25, 2010. Rhode Island residents who replace an existing appliance from an eligible category with a new ENERGY STAR qualified appliance after March 25, 2010 may apply for the rebate. Approved applicants will receive a Visa® Prepaid card via mail.

A goal of the program is to stimulate the economy by encouraging consumers to replace old appliances with new energy efficient models. We invite Rhode Island residents to participate in this program and thank you for doing your share to protect our natural resources and boost Rhode Island's economy.

To apply for the rebate, visit the program's website at www.RIrebates.com or call 1-877-359-5795.

Sincerely,
Rhode Island - State Energy Office

Q & A

When does the program start and end?

This program begins on March 25, 2010 and ends the instant the funds run out. Many Rhode Island residents have already begun to replace items in their homes with more energy efficient models and we expect the program to generate much interest. Therefore, we encourage participants to act quickly.

Who is eligible?

A Rhode Island resident with a valid Rhode Island residential address who replaces an existing appliance with a new eligible ENERGY STAR qualified appliance and follows the program's requirements. All rebates will be mailed to the residential address, with no exceptions. PO Boxes are not accepted. Receipts must show paid Rhode Island sales tax to qualify.

How do I know if a product is ENERGY STAR qualified?

All appliances that have earned the ENERGY STAR certification feature the familiar logo on the front of the product and on the product packaging. If you are unsure, ask a sales associate or visit www.ENERGYSTAR.gov for a complete list of ENERGY STAR products and models.

Can I receive a rebate for more than one appliance?

Residents may apply for one rebate per appliance per household. For example, one refrigerator plus one dishwasher rebate would qualify. Applications for two dishwasher rebates would not qualify.

How do I apply for the rebate?

Follow these steps in order:

1. Residents should check funds availability at www.RIrebates.com or by calling 1-877-359-5795.
2. Buy an eligible ENERGY STAR qualified product at a Rhode Island retailer. Online and out-of-state purchases do not qualify.
3. Apply for a rebate at the program's website or toll-free number.
4. Mail the required materials within 15 days of the online or phone application.

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Can I apply for the Rhode Island energy and a manufacturer's or retailer's rebate on the same appliance?

Yes, but keep in mind that each rebate sponsor has unique rules and application instructions. All mailed energy rebate application materials become Rhode Island's property and will not be returned. Because original receipts may be required for other promotions, copies are accepted for this program.

What products qualify? (See chart below.)

Select a category at www.RIrebates.com to view all the ENERGY STAR qualified product models.

Is appliance recycling required to qualify?

Because this is an appliance replacement program, participants must agree to replace existing appliances with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model. Recycling is encouraged, but not required. Arrangements can be made through retailers at the time of purchase.

How will applications be verified?

Every rebate application will be audited to verify the qualifying purchase and other requirements.

Eligible ENERGY STAR Appliance Categories	Visa® Prepaid Rebate Value
Boilers (Gas)	\$500
Boilers (Oil)	\$500
Dishwashers	\$150
Freezers	\$150
Furnaces (Gas)	\$100
Furnaces (Oil)	\$100
Refrigerators (At least 18 cubic feet and priced over \$400)	\$150
Water Heaters (Gas Tankless)	\$300

Terms & Conditions

Please allow up to 30 days for delivery of the rebate. Only ENERGY STAR qualified product models in the specific categories listed above are eligible for Rhode Island's rebates. To determine a product model's ENERGY STAR certification, Rhode Island's agents will use product information available to the public at www.ENERGYSTAR.gov. Substitutions of products or product categories are not allowed. Applications exceeding verifiable eligible purchases are not allowed. Applications in excess of the limits are not allowed. Purchase of products that are used, rebuilt, rented, leased, exchanged, won as a prize or purchased at auction or online auction are not eligible. By applying for a rebate and receiving an approval confirmation, rebate funds are set aside for the applicant. If each of the program requirements is not satisfied, the applicant gives up rights to the rebate and those rebate funds will no longer be available to the applicant. The rights to a rebate or a rebate application may not be transferred or sold. Fraud of any type could result in federal prosecution under the US mail fraud statutes. Rhode Island is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, illegible, misdirected or postage-due applications. Resolution of any disputes will be governed by Rhode Island law. Cards are issued by Citibank, N.A. pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc and managed by Citi Prepaid Services. Cards will not have cash access and can be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.