



Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is Missouri requiring consumers to recycle old appliances that are replaced with new ENERGY STAR appliances?

Missouri is one of the few states that are requiring consumers to recycle their old appliances they decide to replace through the *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program*. By taking these old appliances out of service Missouri will help create additional jobs through the process, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and pollutants, and conserve our energy consumption in the state.

Is appliance recycling required to qualify?

Yes. Consumers participating in the program must verify a like appliance was replaced and recycled in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. Consumers will have to provide proof of recycling along with the completed rebate application form in order to be eligible for a rebate.

As a consumer, what are my responsibilities related to recycling and participation in the *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program* ?

The purchaser, or consumer, must verify by signature that he/she is replacing a like item and will participate in a recycling program for the old appliance. Proof of recycling will be accepted in a variety of fashions:

1. Statement from the participating retailer or installation contractor. Consumers can make arrangements with the participating retailer or installation contractor where they purchased the new appliance. Upon delivery of the new appliance, participating retailers or installation contractors will collect the old appliance and make arrangements for recycling. Note: It is the consumers' responsibility to make sure to obtain a statement from the participating retailer or installation contractor indicating pick-up and recycling of the replaced appliance. This documentation will be your proof of recycling that is required.
2. Receipt from a recycling facility indicating the appliance was delivered. The receipt must include the name and address of the facility, date, signature of person receiving the appliance and indication of the appliance type.
3. Receipt from appliance turn-in event, indicating the type of appliance turned in, signature of person receiving the appliance and date/location of event.

Can I take my old appliance to a recycling center outside of Missouri?

There is nothing in the *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program* that prohibits using a recycling facility outside the state of Missouri. It is acceptable as long as a statement is provided by the recycling facility indicating a like appliance was delivered.



Does the recycling facility have to be state certified or on the state of Missouri's appliance collection centers list?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Solid Waste Management Program can provide assistance in locating the major appliance collection centers throughout Missouri that accept major appliances for recycling. For a list, visit the department's Web site at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/docs/majorappliances8-17-04.pdf. These major appliance collection centers may have specific requirements for accepting appliances. Contact the collection center prior to delivery. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources does not endorse the firms contained in the listing nor does it consider the list to be complete.

Will the participating retailer or installation contractor provide me with a recycling form?

Participating retailers and installation contractors will be a major player of the recycling component of the program. Upon delivery of the new appliance, participating retailers or installation contractors who have their own haul away program may already have a form in place they can provide consumers. The participating retailer's or installation contractor's forms are acceptable, as long as it's validated and signed by the participating retailer or installation contractor at the time the old appliance is collected. If the participating retailer or installation contractor does not have a recycling program or haul away service, there is an *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program* Proof of Recycling form located under the Program Information tab on the program's Web site at www.missouriappliance rebate.com that can be downloaded and utilized by retailers, installation contractors and consumers alike.

Does the *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program* require consumers to use the Proof of Recycling form available on the Web site?

No. The Proof of Recycling form is available to consumers who wish to use the form. Consumers need to show proof of recycling. See the question above, "As a consumer, what are my responsibilities related to recycling and participation in the *Energize Missouri Appliance Rebate Program*" for additional information on what is required to be considered a valid proof of recycling.