

# Georgia State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program



## Introduction

### Guide for Contractors

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 Georgia residents is \$8,642,490.

A goal of the program is to stimulate the economy by encouraging consumers to replace old appliances with new ENERGY STAR qualified models. The state of Georgia expects a favorable response to this program that will exhaust the rebate funds quickly.

By working together, we can make this program a success for Georgia retailers and residents alike.

Sincerely,  
**Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority**

## Q & A

### When does the program start and end?

The program begins February 12, 2010, and ends the instant the funds run out. Purchases made prior to February 12, 2010, will not qualify for the rebate.

### How do Georgia contractors prepare?

Because residents must submit the proper purchase information when applying, please ensure that all receipts:

1. Display the purchase price separate from installation cost and tax.
2. Indicate that the appliance was purchased from a Georgia retailer or distributor.
3. Contain the appliance's manufacturer model number and indication that it is ENERGY STAR qualified.

### Who is eligible?

A Georgia resident with a valid Georgia residential address who follows the program's rules. All rebates will be mailed to the resident's address, with no exceptions. Retail employees meeting these criteria are also eligible.

### Where must a Georgia resident buy the product?

Georgia residents are required to buy from Georgia retailers. Online and out-of-state purchases do not qualify.

### How do we know if a product is ENERGY STAR qualified?

Please check [www.GeorgiaRebate.com](http://www.GeorgiaRebate.com) for specific appliance rebate information.

### How do residents apply for these rebates?

Follow these steps in order:

1. Check the availability of funds at [www.GeorgiaRebate.com](http://www.GeorgiaRebate.com) or by calling 1-866-296-1633.
2. Buy an eligible ENERGY STAR qualified product.
3. Apply for a rebate immediately at [www.GeorgiaRebate.com](http://www.GeorgiaRebate.com) or by calling 1-866-296-1633.
4. Mail the required materials within 30 days of your online or phone application.

### Can a contractor complete a rebate on behalf of the customer?

No. Contractors may not complete applications for residents.

### What is the limit?

Georgia residents may apply for one rebate per category per address, up to \$1,200 total per address. For example, one refrigerator rebate plus one dishwasher rebate would qualify. Applications for two dishwasher rebates would not qualify.

### How often are available funds updated?

The availability of funds is reported in real-time at [www.GeorgiaRebate.com](http://www.GeorgiaRebate.com). You can call 1-866-296-2109 for more information.

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### Is appliance recycling required to be eligible?

Residents must certify the new ENERGY STAR qualified appliance replaces an existing appliance, which is a key requirement of this program. Recycling of refrigerators and freezers is required. Recycling of all other appliances is strongly encouraged.

### A customer bought several ENERGY STAR qualified appliances eligible for rebates. Can they be mailed in the same envelope?

Yes, but separate applications must be completed for each product purchased.

### What products qualify? (See chart below)

Select a category at [www.GeorgiaRebate.com](http://www.GeorgiaRebate.com) to display all the ENERGY STAR qualified product models.

### Can a customer apply for the Georgia ENERGY STAR rebate and the manufacturer's or retailer's rebate on the same appliance?

Yes, but remind the resident that each rebate sponsor has unique rules and application instructions. All mailed ENERGY STAR rebate materials become Georgia's property and will not be returned, so help Georgia residents mail copies of the receipts/invoices, as the originals may be required for the other rebate offers.

### How will applications be verified?

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

Eligible ENERGY STAR Categories	ENERGY STAR Criteria	Visa® Prepaid Card Rebate Value
Freezers		\$25
Room Air Conditioners		\$30
Refrigerators		\$50
Clothes Washers	Modified Energy Factor (MEF) > or = 1.8 • Water Factor (WF) < or = 7.5	\$50
Clothes Washers	Modified Energy Factor (MEF) > or = 2.0 • Water Factor (WF) < or = 6.0	\$99
Dishwashers	< or = 324 kWh/year and • < or = 5.8 gallons per cycle	\$50
Dishwashers	< or = 307 kWh/year and • < or = 5.0 gallons per cycle	\$99
Water Heater Gas Storage	Energy Factor > or = 0.62	\$50
Water Heater Gas Storage	Energy Factor > or = 0.67	\$99
Water Heater Gas Condensing		\$99
Central Air Conditioners		\$99
Oil Furnaces		\$99
Water Heater Electric Heat Pump		\$199
Water Heater Gas Tankless		\$199
Water Heater Solar (electric back-up)		\$199
Water Heater Solar (gas back-up)		\$199
Air Source Heat Pumps		\$199
Gas Furnaces		\$199
Oil Burners		\$199
Gas Boilers		\$199

## Terms & Conditions

- Only ENERGY STAR product models in the specific categories listed above are eligible for Georgia's rebates. To determine a product model's ENERGY STAR certification, Georgia's agents will use product information available to the public at [www.ENERGYSTAR.gov](http://www.ENERGYSTAR.gov). Substitutions of products or product categories are not allowed. Call us at 866-296-2109 if you find an exception.
- By applying for a rebate and subsequently failing to satisfy each of the program requirements, an applicant gives up rights to the rebate and those rebate funds will no longer be available to him/her.
- Purchases of products that are used, rebuilt, rented, leased, exchanged, won as a prize or purchased at auction or online auction are not eligible.
- The rights to a rebate or a rebate application may not be transferred or sold.
- Contractors may not apply for Georgia's ENERGY STAR rebates.
- Applications in excess of the limits are not allowed.
- Applications exceeding verifiable eligible purchases are not allowed.
- Fraud of any type could result in federal prosecution under the US mail fraud statutes.
- Georgia is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, illegible, misdirected or postage-due applications.
- Resolution of any disputes will be governed by Georgia 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.