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ENERGY STAR Qualified Refrigerators AT A GLANCE

What is ENERGY STAR?

- The U.S. government-backed symbol of energy efficiency.
- A program dedicated to identifying products that save energy without sacrificing performance.



Why buy ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators?

Save energy

- Refrigerators that have earned the ENERGY STAR are **20% more energy efficient** than the minimum federal standard and feature high-efficiency compressors, improved insulation, and more precise temperature and defrost mechanisms.

Save money

- A new ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerator can **save about \$130** on electricity bills over its lifetime compared to a new standard model.

Save the environment

- By using less energy, qualified refrigerators **reduce greenhouse gas emissions** caused by burning fossil fuels at power plants.
- If everyone purchasing a refrigerator in 2010 chose a model that has earned the ENERGY STAR, together we would **reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from more than 120,000 cars.**

Share these tips with your customers

To maximize energy savings:

- **Don't heat your fridge.** Position your refrigerator away from heat sources such as ovens, dishwashers, and direct sunlight from windows.
- **Give it space to breath.** Leave space between the wall or cabinets and the refrigerator to allow air to circulate
- **Keep it clean.** While cleaning your refrigerator on the inside is important, keeping it clean on the outside is important too: by clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator, you will save energy.
- **Don't over cool.** In addition to turning ice-cream into a spoon-bending block of ice, setting your fridge and freezer to "max cold" uses more energy and money.
- **Check that seal.** Make sure the door seals are tight. If not, you could be losing cold air and using more energy.
- **Recycle older or second refrigerators.** You can save from \$300-\$700 by not running your second refrigerator over the next 5 years. By unplugging your second refrigerator and properly recycling it, you can also prevent 5,500 to 20,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions.

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