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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partners and other Stakeholders:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce the final recognition criteria for Dishwashers for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022. Considering the delays in the ENERGY STAR dishwasher specification development, the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2021 criteria for dishwashers will be maintained in 2022.

Please note that the criteria for 11 other product categories were finalized on September 28, 2020, and they and the dishwasher criteria can be found at [www.energystar.gov/moste efficient](http://www.energystar.gov/moste efficient). Please contact us at [mostefficient@energystar.gov](mailto:mostefficient@energystar.gov) if you have any comments or feedback on the below dishwasher criteria.

### **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022 Dishwasher Recognition Criteria**

The final 2022 ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria for dishwashers require an annual energy use of  $\leq 240$  kWh/yr and water consumption of  $\leq 3.2$  gallons per cycle for standard-sized models. Products must also meet a per cycle Cleaning Index of a minimum of 70 for each test cycle (heavy, medium, and light).

ENERGY STAR Most Efficient dishwashers will deliver 67 kWh/yr (22% above the Federal Minimum) in energy savings and 387 gal/yr (36% over the Federal minimum) in water savings annually, as compared to a conventional dishwasher.

ENERGY STAR Most Efficient identifies and advances highly efficient products available on the market and complements the ENERGY STAR program by helping early adopter consumers and energy efficiency program sponsors to identify the most energy efficient of the ENERGY STAR certified products. The annual reviews of the Most Efficient criteria help to ensure that EPA continues to recognize leaders in efficiency for the portion of the market that seeks products with the highest efficiencies.

### **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022 Recognition**

ENERGY STAR certified products meeting ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022 requirements are highlighted beginning January 1, 2022. EPA has distributed the 2022 ENERGY STAR Most Efficient designation to brand owners of eligible products. As a reminder, usage guidelines are available on the [ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022 Criteria](#) page.

For most product categories, EPA will use certification data to recognize products. In the interest of bringing more attention to these highly efficient models, beginning in 2022, EPA will feature ENERGY STAR Most Efficient models using its highly visited ENERGY STAR Product Finder. EPA will leverage certification data to highlight product features, so partners will no longer be asked to supply this information. Since 2022 recognition criteria have not changed for Dishwashers, models recognized in 2021 will be automatically recognized in 2022.

To ensure the greatest utility of the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient webpage to consumers, EPA will only highlight products that are currently available for sale in the U.S. As such, EPA reminds partners that it is critical that they keep product availability information with their Certification Bodies current.

The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2022 designation is intended for use at point-of-sale on point-of-purchase materials, product literature, and websites. It may not be factory-applied to products or product

packaging. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in loss of recognition. EPA will highlight recognized products on the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2021 web page through December 31, 2022.



We look forward to working with you to market ENERGY STAR Most Efficient products in 2022. Please e-mail [mostefficient@energystar.gov](mailto:mostefficient@energystar.gov) with any questions.

Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Bailey". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ann Bailey, Director  
ENERGY STAR Product Labeling