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Congratulations ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award Winners!



Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honors a group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements. ENERGY STAR Award winners lead their industries in the production and sale of energy-efficient products and services, and in the development and adoption of strategies that provide substantial savings in commercial buildings. Information on this year's CFS award winners and award categories can be found below:

Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence: The highest honor among ENERGY STAR Awards is the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year—Sustained Excellence Award. EPA presents the Sustained Excellence Award to partners that have already received ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years and have gone above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for recognition. Congratulations to [Welbilt](#), [Hoshizaki America Inc](#), [ITW Food Equipment Group](#), and [Howe Corporation!](#)



Partner of the Year: This award recognizes ENERGY STAR partner businesses and organizations in good standing that demonstrate superior leadership, innovation, and commitment to environmental protection through energy efficiency and ENERGY STAR. Congratulations [True Manufacturing](#), [Minus Forty QBD Corp](#), and [Beverage Air](#)!



Congratulations ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award Winners!

The ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award (ETA) is given to innovative technologies that meet rigorous performance criteria to reduce energy use and lower greenhouse gas emissions. EPA is pleased to recognize Adaptive Commercial Refrigeration Equipment for the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award for 2022. EPA congratulates recipients of the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award for [Adaptive Commercial Refrigeration Equipment](#) including Beverage-Air, Hussmann Corporation, and Victory!

Products that meet the [performance criteria](#) are listed on the [Qualified Product List](#) once it is determined that all Award criteria have been satisfied. Manufacturers may still submit documentation for eligible adaptive commercial refrigeration equipment to EmergingTech@energystar.gov for 2023.

U.S. Convenience Stores Can Now Earn EPA’s ENERGY STAR Certification



U.S. convenience stores can now rate their energy performance using EPA’s 1–100 ENERGY STAR [score](#), which applies to stores with and without gas stations. Convenience stores that score a 75 or higher are eligible to earn ENERGY STAR certification. [Get started benchmarking your store!](#)

All stores that receive [ENERGY STAR certification](#) by the end of June will be highlighted in an EPA press release later this year. So don’t delay—your store could be included! For existing certified buildings see the [ENERGY STAR Registry of Certified Buildings and Plants!](#)

If you have questions, please visit www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp.

Did you know? ENERGY STAR has Treasure Hunts for Commercial Kitchens!



An [ENERGY STAR Treasure Hunt](#) is a collaborative quest where your employees uncover opportunities to save energy. Those quick fixes can add up to big savings. Hundreds of organizations have used Energy Treasure Hunts to reduce their facilities' energy use by up to 15 percent. Are you and your crew ready to find the treasure buried within your facilities? ENERGY STAR offers "Treasure Map" action lists for [Restaurants and Commercial Kitchens](#) and [Supermarkets and grocery stores](#) as well as [Convenience stores](#).

ENERGY STAR is on LinkedIn



The ENERGY STAR program recently launched its LinkedIn profile including resources and announcements for products, homes, and buildings. A number of CFS resources and specification updates have already been featured; and two ENERGY STAR promotions were successfully launched including ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award winner announcements and Earth Day activities.

Connect with [ENERGY STAR on LinkedIn](#) -- like and share CFS posts with your networks!

Specification Updates

EPA regularly updates ENERGY STAR product specifications. For every specification, product performance data submissions from partners are foundational to the process. Proposed efficiency levels tend to be based on the performance of existing certified models as well as data offered by manufacturers and other stakeholders during the specification development process. Establishing requirements that reflect the performance of the highest efficiency models available sometimes requires going beyond the data at hand and anticipating the market. To this end, EPA relies on insights shared by stakeholders and partners to help the Agency anticipate important trends in the market. For more information, you can view EPA's [ENERGY STAR Standard Operating Procedure on Revising or Establishing an ENERGY STAR Product Specification](#).

The following information includes some helpful reminders as you prepare for upcoming specification changes and manage your inventory of ENERGY STAR certified products. For more information regarding the ENERGY STAR specification process or additional CFS equipment updates, visit www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. For milestones on these and other upcoming specification revisions in 2023, visit the [ENERGY STAR Products Plan](#). Recent and upcoming specification activities include:

ENERGY STAR Commercial Electric Cooktops Version 1.0 Draft 2 and Webinar

EPA published the ENERGY STAR Commercial Electric Cooktops Version 1.0 Draft 2 specification on April 20, 2023 and hosted a webinar on May 3, 2023. The comment period deadline was May 22, 2023. Partners and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the [product development webpage](#) for future specification drafts, slide decks, comments, data packages, and responses to comments. For more information, please contact CFS@energystar.gov.

ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Version 5.0 (Rev. November – 2022)

On November 21, 2022, EPA updated the ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers Version 5.0 specification to allow the use of a new safety standard when certifying products. The update is a result of the completion of a new safety standard, UL/CSA 60335-2-89, that will ultimately replace UL 471, referenced in the ENERGY STAR specification. Specifically, for the purposes of ENERGY STAR certification, commercial refrigerators and freezers shall be in compliance with UL/CSA 60335-2-89 standard testing and/or UL471 until the UL/CSA 60335-2-89 effective date, September 29, 2024, at which time, only UL/CSA 60335-2-89 will be accepted for certification. The updated specification can be found [here](#). Further, these changes do not impact current Version 5.0 certification status for the commercial refrigerator and freezer category. Regarding Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods (AEDMs), the EPA supports ENERGY STAR certification of products, including commercial refrigerators and freezers, through an AEDM per 10 CFR 429.42(2). It is EPA's expectation that verification test sample(s) be procured and tested according to the test method listed in the current specification.

Past Events

ENERGY STAR for Commercial Food Service Webinar

EPA hosted a webinar entitled “ENERGY STAR for Commercial Food Service” on May 11, 2023, to provide partners and stakeholders a program overview and to showcase various ENERGY STAR resources targeted for the commercial food service industry including utility incentives. The [webinar slides](#) and [recording](#) are available at the [ENERGY STAR CFS landing page](#). For more information, please contact cfs@energystar.gov.

National Restaurant Association Show

ENERGY STAR recently attended the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show in Chicago, IL on May 20-23, 2023. During the show, ENERGY STAR representatives from EPA and ICF visited various manufacturers (including ENERGY STAR commercial coffee brewer partners BUNN-o-Matic Corp, Wilbur Curtis Co Inc., and Newco Enterprises Inc.), equipment dealers, operators and other stakeholders.



Further, EPA attended the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Technical Liaison Committee (TLC) meeting on May 22, 2023, at the NAFEM headquarters in Chicago. Finally, EPA attended the ASTM F26 committee meeting also at the NAFEM headquarters to discuss test methods and specifications. We encourage ENERGY STAR CFS partners to engage in ASTM F26 for further collaboration and standard test method development. For more information, please reach out to CFS@energystar.gov or Krista Robbins at krobbins@astm.org.

Upcoming Events



[2023 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting 2023](#)

EPA is pleased to announce that planning is underway for the 2023 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting. The meeting will take place Tuesday, September 26 – Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Hilton in downtown Atlanta, GA. We are excited to be working with the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance as this year's co-sponsor.

The 3-day meeting will feature informational sessions, a product Expo and networking opportunities with a broad range of attendees — everything you need to position your programs and products for success in the transition towards an efficient, clean energy future. This year will have a particular focus on the potential for efficient residential electrification in the southeast, along with content and opportunities for attendees interested in Inflation Reduction Act tax rebate programs throughout the country. The meeting is an opportunity to develop key relationships among attendees across a diverse set of ENERGY STAR partner categories (utilities and their implementers, product manufacturers, retailers) and to experience some of the rebate-eligible products first-hand!

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