

ENERGYWISE

for your Home



Did you know that the average home spends about \$2,000 on energy bills every year? If you change to appliances that have earned the ENERGY STAR® rating, you can save on average \$75 a year in energy costs, while helping to save the environment.

ENERGY STAR® FREEZERS AND REFRIGERATORS

Two pricetags

When buying a refrigerator or freezer, remember that it has two pricetags: what you pay to take it home and what you pay for the energy it uses. ENERGY STAR® qualified models incorporate advanced technologies that use up to 50% less energy than standard models. The money you save on your utility bills can more than make up for the cost of a more expensive, but more efficient, ENERGY STAR® model.

Source: ENERGYSTAR.gov

ENERGY STAR refrigerators and freezers – They generate savings two ways!

First of all, new ENERGY STAR® models are more efficient to run. The energy savings achieved from the purchase converts to annual savings of dollars kept in your pocket. Depending on the age of the model you are replacing, the dollars saved may vary. The older the model, the more it will pay for itself in a shorter period of time.

Second, Steele-Waseca Coop provides rebates when you purchase an ENERGY STAR® refrigerator or freezer. Recycling of your old refrigerator or freezer is required. Simply fill out a Residential Rebate Request Application form and attach the appropriate receipts and you will receive a credit on your electric bill.

Who can participate?

To qualify for a refrigerator or freezer rebate, you must:

- 1) live in SWCE's service territory
- 2) verify that the appliance is a qualified ENERGY STAR® product and
- 3) replace an existing older model.



Always choose ENERGY STAR appliances.

An appliance has two price tags: what you pay for it and what you pay for the energy it uses

THE SAVINGS ADD UP

ENERGY STAR [™] QUALIFIED APPLIANCES	YOUR REBATE	KWH SAVINGS (An average home uses approximately 11,000 kWhs each year.)	SAVINGS <i>Source: MyEnergyStar.com</i>
Freezer new with recycling of freezer in working order	\$75	The annual energy savings for replacing an older freezer is 1,196 kWh/year	If you purchased your freezer before 1993, it may cost you an extra \$35 each year on your utility bills compared to a new ENERGY STAR qualified model. If you bought it in the 1980s, it may cost as much as \$70/year
Refrigerator new with recycling of refrigerator in working order	\$75	On average the annual energy savings for replacing an older refrigerator is 1,047 kWh/year, but will vary depending on size and model year being replaced.	If you still have a refrigerator from the 1980s, replace it with an ENERGY STAR qualified model and save over \$100 each year on your utility bills. Replace a refrigerator from the 1970s and save more than \$200 each year!

SWCE also offers a \$25 rebate on ENERGY STAR[®] dehumidifiers.

CONTACT US

Please contact your electric cooperative for more information and energy efficiency advice – or go to www.energystar.gov or www.myenergystar.com and click on the appliance section to learn more about ENERGY STAR[®] qualified appliances.

