



Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program: Guide For Texas Residents



Act Fast:

There is a limited time to purchase and mail in your paperwork. Also, waitlist applications will be processed in the order that they arrive via mail, so get your paperwork in early.

Overview

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated funds to each state for the establishment and administration of appliance rebate programs. Texas was awarded \$23,341,000 to implement and administer the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program through the State Energy Conservation Office at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The program encourages consumers to replace old (but functional) appliances with new energy efficient models, stimulating the Texas economy and increasing energy conservation efforts in Texas.

Texas Trade Up rebates were offered for eight eligible appliance categories: central air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, air-source heat pumps, hot water heaters, refrigerators, and room air conditioners. Texas residents who apply for a rebate must replace an existing functional appliance from one of the eligible categories with a new ENERGY STAR® or CEE (Consortium for Energy Efficiency) qualified appliance.

The program officially began on **April 7, 2010**, when rebate reservations were accepted online through **www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org** or via phone. The purchase period for all appliances began April 16, 2010. For refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers

and room air conditioners, the purchase period ends April 25, 2010. For central air conditioners, hot water heaters and air-source heat pumps, the purchase period ends June 15, 2010. All rebate applications for all appliances, regardless of purchase date, must be mailed (postmarked) by June 15, 2010.

Rebate Application Details

After you have printed your rebate application or received it by mail, you can complete it after the purchase and installation of your appliance. If you need assistance accessing your form, call (877) 581-1993 or visit **www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org**. In addition to your contact information, the application will need to include:

- Product category
- Manufacturer
- Model #
- Date of purchase
- Purchase price (excluding sales tax)
- Retailer name, city, state and zip
- A copy of the sales receipt showing purchase of the eligible appliance during the approved purchase period.



Eligible Appliance Categories, Amounts and Timelines

Appliance Category	Rebate Amount*	Purchase Period	Required Place of Purchase	Rebate Application Postmark Deadline
Refrigerators	\$240	4/16-4/25	In-store	6/15/2010
Freezers	\$180	4/16-4/25	In-store	6/15/2010
Room Air Conditioners	\$45	4/16-4/25	In-store	6/15/2010
Clothes Washers	\$150 or \$180	4/16-4/25	In-store	6/15/2010
Dishwashers	\$110 or \$140	4/16-4/25	In-store	6/15/2010
Central Air Conditioners	\$600, \$800 or \$1000	4/16-6/15	In-store or from Texas contractor	6/15/2010
Air-source Heat Pumps	\$1200-\$1600	4/16-6/15	In-store or from Texas contractor	6/15/2010
Hot Water Heaters	\$190-640	4/16-6/15	In-store or from Texas contractor	6/15/2010

* Depending on appliance type and energy efficiency of model purchased; reservation will be held for the highest amount.

An additional \$75 rebate is available when the old, functional appliance being replaced is recycled.

You also will need to gather the necessary signatures for the certification section of the application, which includes the following:

- Disposal section – required for all rebate applications for all appliances; must include the signature and address of the entity (for example, a retailer, contractor or other business handling disposal) assuming responsibility for the proper disposal of the old appliance.
- Recycling section – required only for \$75 bonus rebate on all appliances; must include the signature and address of the entity assuming responsibility for the proper recycling of the old appliance.
- Contractor installation section – required only for central air conditioning and air-source heat pump units; must include the signature and address of the entity assuming responsibility for the installation.

Please note that central air conditioners and air-source heat pumps must be installed by a contractor with a valid TDLR ACR license.

Lastly, don't forget to sign your application and mail it back as soon as possible. It must be postmarked by June 15, 2010.

How do I check on the status of my rebate?

Once you have reserved a rebate or added your name to the waiting list for a rebate either online or by phone, you will receive an ID number. You can use this number to check the status of your rebate either online or by phone after you have mailed in your rebate application. To check the status online, go to **www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org** and follow the link to the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program. To check via phone, call (877) 581-1993.

Important Details:

- Only ENERGY STAR and CEE product models meeting the criteria and categories listed in the chart are eligible for Texas' rebates. To determine a product model's ENERGY STAR or CEE certification, Texas' agents will use product information available to the public at www.ENERGYSTAR.gov and www.CEE1.org. Substitutions of products or product categories are not allowed.
- 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 an auction or online auction are not eligible.
- Rebate checks are issued in U.S. dollars and expire 90 days from issuance date. All unclaimed (uncashed or undeliverable) rebate checks will be handled in accordance with the Texas Property Code, Chapters 72-75.
- The rights to a rebate or a rebate application may not be transferred or sold.
- Retailers may not apply on behalf of a customer for a Texas Trade Up rebate.
- Applications in excess of the limits are not allowed.
- Applications exceeding verifiable eligible purchase are not allowed.
- Fraud of any type could result in federal prosecution under the U.S. mail fraud statutes and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Texas is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, illegible, misdirected or postage-due applications.
- Resolution of any disputes will be governed by Texas law.