ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WITH ENERGY STAR

REFRIGERATORS

In most households, refrigerators consume more energy than any other appliance, so replacing your older unit with a newer model can save you a lot of energy—and money. With more efficient compressors and better insulation than standard models, ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators can save you between $20 and $55 a year on your energy bills compared to models manufactured before 1993. In fact, a refrigerator made before 1993 uses double the energy of a new ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerator.

ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators use less electricity than a 75-watt light bulb left on continuously.

FREEZERS

What if two-thirds of your checking account disappeared? Would you keep your money at that bank? Many freezers waste two-thirds of their energy, which filters through freezer walls. ENERGY STAR qualified freezers have improved insulation that saves you $40 to $100 on your utility bill over the lifetime of the product. You can bank on ENERGY STAR qualified freezers, which are available in chest, upright, compact, and full-size models.

COMSUMER TIPS

DON'T ADD HEAT. Keep your refrigerator or freezer away from direct sunlight and other heat sources (e.g., ovens, dishwashers).

LEAVE SOME SPACE. Allow for a 1-inch space on each side of the unit for proper air circulation.

STOCK UP. Keep the unit stocked to reduce your overall energy usage.

WATCH THE THERMOSTAT. Keep refrigerators between 36°F and 38°F and freezers between 0°F and 5°F. You use 25 percent more energy by keeping temperatures 10 degrees lower than recommended levels.

Products that meet strict energy guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy earn the ENERGY STAR.

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