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OER Announces 75% of Idaho Appliance Rebate Funds Depleted

The Office of Energy Resources (OER) announced today that the Idaho Appliance Rebate Program has obligated over 75% of the \$1.2 million available for rebates. The program will end when funds are exhausted. Less than \$300,000 is still available for rebates.

Idaho residents replacing older appliances with an eligible ENERGY STAR® appliance may qualify for a rebate through this program. Real-time updates of remaining funds, the list of eligible appliances, instructions for obtaining a rebate, and the program rules can be found at www.energy.idaho.gov or by calling (877) 223-6975.

The Idaho Appliance Rebate Program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"If people have been waiting to buy a new appliance and get a rebate, they should act soon," OER Administrator Paul Kjellander said. "We anticipate that funds will be exhausted by the end of August, perhaps earlier."

Over 3,600 rebates have been issued through this program. The most popular appliances sold throughout the program have been clothes washers, refrigerators, and dishwashers. The Energy Star program (www.energystar.gov) estimates that upgrading to an Energy Star appliance can save a family between \$40 and \$135 a year.

Appliance	Rebate Amount	Possible Yearly Savings	Rebates Issued
Clothes Washer (2000 or older*)	\$75	\$135	1,346
Refrigerator (1989 or older*)	\$75	\$100	991
Dishwasher (1994 or older*)	\$50	\$40	1,011

^{*}The older the appliance, the greater the savings source: www.energystar.gov

More information about the Idaho Appliance Rebate Program and the Office of Energy Resources is available at www.energy.idaho.gov.