

Are you tired of your old refrigerator or freezer wasting energy and costing you money?

CU can help you turn that waste into cold, hard cash. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:



- 1** Call CU at 874-8200 to schedule a date to pick up your old, operating refrigerator or freezer.
- 2** CU's contracted recycler, Conservation Services Group (CSG), will haul away and recycle your old refrigerator or freezer on the scheduled date.
- 3** You'll receive a \$35 rebate from CU and you'll start saving money on your electric bill.

- There are no minimum or maximum age requirements for the appliance to qualify.
- The appliance must be plugged in and operating.
- City Utilities residential and commercial electric customers are eligible to participate.

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FAQs:

Why is City Utilities (CU) providing a refrigerator and freezer recycling program?

- Refrigerators and freezers manufactured before 1993 are considerably less efficient and consume two-to-three times as much energy as newer models.
- Most people do not have a good way to dispose of a refrigerator or freezer without buying a new one.
- These older, inefficient appliances put a significant demand on the electric system during the peak periods in the summer.

How much does the program cost me for removal of my old appliance?

- Nothing. In fact, CU will pay YOU \$35 in the form of a credit on your bill to remove the qualifying refrigerator and/or freezer. Removing the old appliance helps reduce the electric demand on CU's system.

Why should I recycle my older refrigerator or freezer?

- Refrigerators and freezers manufactured before 1993 can use as much as 1,600 kilowatt hours (kWh) annually. That's nearly \$120 each year.
- Refrigerators are the biggest electricity users among household appliances. According to the Department of Energy, approximately 17% of homes have two or more refrigerators. In the Midwest that percentage increases to over 25%.
- Most secondary refrigerators are 2-3 times older than the primary unit, and are placed in unconditioned areas – such as the garage. This more than doubles the electricity used by the one in your kitchen.
- When people buy refrigerated or frozen food in volume, they often do not realize that the money they saved is offset many times by the cost of keeping it cold.

How much energy will be saved through this program?

- CU expects to recycle 2,880 units, saving approximately 4,608,000 kWh and achieve a 432 kilowatt (kW) demand reduction, reducing CO₂ emissions by 9,391 tons annually.

What happens to my refrigerator or freezer when it is taken away?

- Once the appliance is collected, it will be made inoperable. The appliance will be transported to the recycling facility where it will be disassembled, the various components will be sorted and recycled, and all harmful refrigerants are properly removed and disposed of safely.

Do I have to take my refrigerator or freezer out to the curb?

- No, we want to make sure it is in working condition, so keep it in your home or business and plugged in. Be sure that it is defrosted prior to your scheduled pick-up date.

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Guidelines:

1. Rebates are available to City Utilities residential and commercial electric customers.
2. Residential customers may receive up to two (2) rebates and commercial customers may receive up to six (6) rebates.
3. Applicants must be the customer of record for an active, non-delinquent account.
4. Qualifying refrigerators and/or freezers must be 10-to-27 cubic feet in size (dorm size units do not qualify), in working condition and owned by the customer of record.
5. Refrigerators and/or freezers will be picked-up from the customer's home or business and must be accessible with a clear path for removal; otherwise collection of the unit(s) may be denied.
6. At the time of collection, the unit(s) must be plugged in, defrosted, empty and in working condition; otherwise collection of the unit(s) may be denied.
7. Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until program funds have been depleted.
8. The rebate will be processed within 3-5 weeks after the unit(s) has been collected.
9. City Utilities is not responsible for any damage that may occur during pick-up of the refrigerator and/or freezer.
10. City Utilities does not guarantee a specific level of energy savings attributed to the Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program. Energy savings varies with the appliance age, condition, use and location within the home or business.
11. City Utilities reserves the right to amend or discontinue this program without notice.

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