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## WHY RECYCLE?

To reduce energy demand, ozone depletion, and global climate impacts, it's critical that older refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners be permanently removed from the energy grid and properly disposed of so that environmentally-harmful refrigerants and foam blowing agents are captured and recycled or destroyed.\*

*\*Environmental Protection Agency*

## PULL THE PLUG PROGRAM REWARDS

Your cooperative works to reward members for removing and recycling inefficient refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners that are operational.

Only appliances in working condition are eligible for the program rebate. There is a limit of three operational appliances per member address.

Simply contact your cooperative and request collection of your eligible appliance(s). The program contractor will then contact you to verify the information and schedule a pick-up date for the eligible appliance(s).

The contractor will remove the eligible appliance(s) from your home at no cost to you.

APPLIANCE	INCENTIVE
Refrigerator	\$35/unit
Freezer	\$25/unit
Window Air Conditioner	\$25/unit



*NOTE: Your cooperative may modify or terminate this program without prior notice.*

## FLIP YOUR FRIDGE!

The average refrigerator aged 10 years or older contains more than 120 pounds of recyclable steel! In 2014, the Department of Energy issued updated efficiency standards for refrigerators and freezers which require new models to use 404-624 kWhs per year. That's compared to 1,076-1,755 kWhs/year in 1990.

Your old refrigerator isn't doing you any favors. Keeping your 15- or 20-year-old refrigerator in operation after you buy a new one may seem like a good idea, especially if it's paid for and still seems to be working fine. However, the reality is the old appliance may be costing you a lot more than it's worth; in fact, if you really need the cold-storage capacity of a second refrigerator (or freezer), you're better off buying a new, low-cost, ENERGY STAR® qualified unit.

Annual operating cost, average size refrigerators Uses national average electricity rate of 12¢ per kilowatt-hour			
Year of Manufacture	Freezer on Top	Side-by-Side	Freezer on Bottom or French
1980-1989	\$244	\$317	\$283
1990-1992	\$186	\$242	\$216
1993-2000	\$124	\$160	\$134
2001-2010	\$79	\$103	\$92
2011-2015	\$53	\$80	\$65

*Figures obtained using the Refrigerator Retirement Savings Calculator on [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov). Assumes size (capacity range) between 19.0 and 21.4 cubic feet. Source: [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)*