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## Last Call for New York's 'Great Appliance Swap Out'

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### \$1 Million in Rebates Still Available for Energy Efficient Appliances

Nearly \$1 million in rebates is still available for New Yorkers who purchase energy efficient appliances through "New York's Great Appliance Swap Out," a program that has provided \$15,790,080 million in rebates to more than 157,000

New Yorkers, according to officials from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

The \$1 million has been made available because approximately 10,000 people who reserved a rebate did not submit an application or documentation required to verify their eligibility following their purchase. The available funding, which will provide rebates of as much as \$555 for purchasing three appliances, will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reserving a rebate online or by phone does NOT complete the application process. Once a qualifying purchase has been made and an applicant has reserved a rebate, the applicant must submit a signed copy of the application and the required receipts within 14 days in order to complete the application process.

The rebates are available to New York State residents replacing old appliances with ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> appliances that will be installed at a New York State residential address. Supported by federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the program helps consumers save money on energy costs by reducing their energy usage, and has provided a needed boost to retailers across New York.

Rebates for high-efficiency refrigerators, clothes washers, and freezers range from \$50-\$105 for a single unit and up to \$555 for the purchase of a three-appliance package of high-efficiency refrigerators, clothes washers, and dishwashers, provided on a first-come, first served basis. The program requires consumers to replace old appliances and encourages recycling by offering a larger rebate to consumers who recycle their discarded appliances.

Francis J. Murray Jr., President and CEO of NYSERDA, said, "This program has helped encourage tens of thousands of New Yorkers to purchase energy-efficient appliances that will save them money and cut their energy use. We are grateful to our federal delegation for securing these stimulus funds, which have benefited retailers across New York State, and we look forward to distributing all of New York's allocation to help continue boosting the economy."

For consumer guidelines on this program, go to [www.NYApplianceSwapOut.com](http://www.NYApplianceSwapOut.com) or call 877-NY-SMART. Total available rebates will be updated daily, so visit the site each day for the latest figures.