



**Conserving
water and
energy is
good for the
environment
— and your
wallet**

Saving water and energy saves money on your water, sewer and energy bills.

Conserving water also means more water is available for other uses. Depending on where you live, that may include fish and recreation.

Conserving energy reduces air pollution and emissions of gases that contribute to global warming.

Oregon homeowners and renters can get a state tax credit for buying new appliances that save water and energy — and cut utility bills:

- Up to \$230 for clothes washers
- \$50 to \$70 for dishwashers

Landlords and other business owners can get a Business Energy Tax Credit for buying resource-efficient appliances. The tax credit is 35 percent of the additional cost compared to a standard model. Apply for the tax credit before you buy. You take the tax credit over five years.

If your building has gas water heating and is served by NW Natural, the utility can give you a one-time, 28-percent rebate — instead of a tax credit — for qualifying resource-efficient clothes washers. The building owner must purchase the machines. You can buy them at any appliance dealer. Or buy from your laundry room service company and continue using its maintenance services.

For more information

Ask your appliance dealer or call...

OREGON OFFICE OF ENERGY

(503) 378-4040 (Salem)

1-800-221-8035 (statewide)

Web site: www.energy.state.or.us

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*Time
for a new
clothes washer
or dishwasher?*

SAVE

**Water
Energy
Money**



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Choose a resource-efficient model.

Clothes washers

Resource-efficient clothes washers save more water every year than you'll drink in your lifetime. They also use 60 percent less energy and 40 percent less detergent than other models. And their high-speed spin removes more water from clothes, cutting dryer time.



Consumer Reports gives resource-efficient machines high ratings in washing performance. They're also gentler on clothes than other washers because they have no agitator to twist them.

Dishwashers

Qualifying dishwashers use 20 percent to 25 percent less energy than standard models and save up to 1,000 gallons of water a year. And their high-performance water jets get dishes cleaner.

How to get a tax credit

- Nearly every appliance dealer in Oregon sells clothes washers and dishwashers that qualify for the tax credit.
- The model you buy must be on the Oregon Office of Energy's list of qualifying appliances at the time of purchase. (Not all Energy Star® models qualify.) You can get the list and an application form from your appliance dealer or our office:

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- Fill out the form completely, sign it, attach your sales receipt, and send it to the Office of Energy. We'll send you a certification with the amount you can claim on your state income tax return.



Important information about the tax credit

- ✓ The appliance must be installed in the home you live in or in your second (vacation) home. The home must be in Oregon.
- ✓ You must pay Oregon income taxes. The tax credit cannot exceed your tax liability.
- ✓ Look at the Office of Energy's list of qualifying appliances. You'll get the tax credit amount listed for the specific model you buy *or* 25 percent of the net purchase price, whichever is less.

Other incentives

- Some manufacturers offer a rebate for resource-efficient models. Ask your appliance dealer for details.
- Some utilities offer their electric water heating customers a rebate for qualifying clothes washers and dishwashers. Ask your utility.