

Department of Energy approves Ohio rebate program for efficient appliances

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel, and Mark Shanahan, energy advisor to Governor Strickland, announced that the U.S. Department of Energy has approved Ohio's proposal to use \$11 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for rebates to residential customers for select Energy Star qualified appliances.

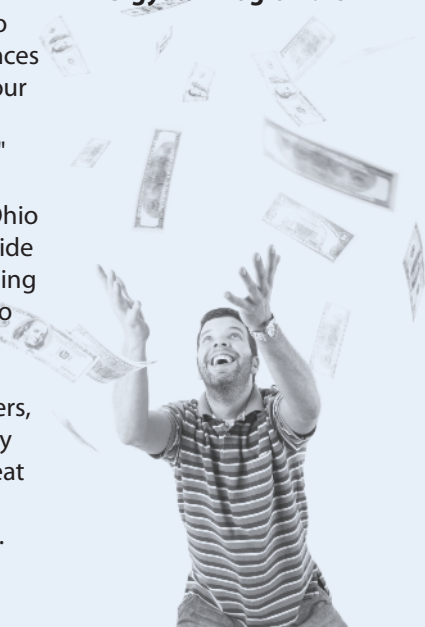
"These ARRA resources encourage the purchase of energy efficient appliances for Ohio homes, which will allow our families to save money on energy costs and benefit our environment, Strickland said. Ohioans will have the opportunity to transition to new, more efficient appliances while directly stimulating our state's retail and manufacturing economies."

With the announcement, Ohio can finalize its plan to provide nearly 90,000 rebates, totaling close to \$11 million, to Ohio consumers who purchase Energy Star qualified refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers, high efficiency gas heaters, and electric heat pump water heaters at participating Ohio retailers.

"These funds support Ohio's commitment to energy efficiency and economic recovery through the creation and retention of jobs across Ohio's economy, from the manufacturing sector to retail outlets," Patt-McDaniel said.

An official announcement, to be made in the first quarter of 2010, will notify when and how Ohio consumers can reserve and redeem a rebate for their purchase of Energy Star qualified appliances. The Ohio Department of Development is partnering with appliance retailers and energy utilities statewide to market the program and utilizing a third-party entity to process the rebates.

A summary of the Ohio rebate program plan can be found online at www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/EnergyStarProgram.htm



Consolidated Gas announces new general manager

Roger Stewart is the new general manager for Consolidated Gas (Co-gas) and Bright Energy. The announcement was made in January by Consolidated Electric Cooperative's president, Jerry Lauer.



Roger Stewart

Stewart brings sixteen years of management experience with him to Co-gas and Bright Energy. He and his wife Kimberly have four children and live in Galloway.

Propane safety tips

- Because propane is odorless, an identifying "rotten egg" smell is added so the gas can be readily detected. The same thing is done with natural gas.
- If you detect a gas leak, immediately evacuate everyone from the building and call the fire department from a safe location.
- Never use or tamper with a damaged propane cylinder. Always contact a trained professional for service on your propane tank or cylinder.

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