



High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program

Do you think a new, highly efficient washing machine can't make a difference in your household water and energy budgets? Think again! Recent estimates of potential water and energy savings provided by the new breed of washing machines are impressive, 23% water savings and 36% energy savings. This could potentially reduce your annual water use up to 5,000 gallons per year.

How do they do it?

The majority of the new, efficient machines are front-loading or top-loading with horizontal axis tumblers. The advantages to this design are: it requires about half the water per load, requires less detergent, it cleans the clothes more thoroughly, and it's easier on the clothes than vertical axis tumblers. In addition, many models automatically adjust the water level to match the size of the load and have spin cycles approaching 1000 rpm's, which removes more water from the clean clothes than traditional spin cycles, leading to shorter drying times. All of these advanced features lead to substantial savings in water usage, wastewater, energy use and the amount of detergent needed per load.

Why should I replace my washing machine?

Washing machines manufactured pre-1980's to present have decreased water usage by as much as 47%.

How do I know if my washing machine qualifies?

To qualify for a rebate, you must purchase a clothes washer that meets the following criteria:

- The Consortium for Energy Efficiency's (CEE) tier 2 or 3 list
- Energy efficiency standards
 - Both items can be identified on the product label displaying the features of the machine. The Consortium for Energy Efficiency provides up-to-date lists of models which meet the 2009 Energy Star standards. The models listed under the tier 2 or tier 3 meet or exceed the 2011 Energy Star standards and are eligible for the rebate

program. A tier 2 washing machine uses 4.5 gallons of water per cubic foot of space and a tier 3 washing machine uses 4.0 gallons of water per cubic foot of space, this is much lower than the current federal standard set in place of 9.5 gallons per cubic foot of space To Qualify for a Rebate.

- The High Efficient Washing Machine Rebate Program only rebates the replacement of non-Energy Star Certified washing machines.
- High Efficient Washing Machines must be installed in the Ceres water service area.
- A completed HEWM Rebate Form, proof of purchase for Energy Star and Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) rating.
- Rebates are subject to inspection by City of Ceres Water Division staff to insure all requirements have been met.
- All rebates are \$75 and are on a first come first serve basis, and are subject to availability of funds.
- All rebates will be in the form of a check, not a credit to your account.
- Rebates forms for High Efficient Washing Machines must be received by the City of Ceres within 180 days of purchase and installation.

How it will work:

Once a completed application has been received and is complete with a copy of the receipt, meets energy star and CEE tier 2 or 3 levels, the customer will receive a phone call to set up an appointment to verify the installation and equipment. Once the installation and equipment have been verified, a check will be processed and mailed to you, this process may take between 4 to 8 weeks. Should you need further assistance or would like a form mailed, please contact the Water Division at (209) 538-5688 Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.