



## **Appliance Recycling Program Facts**

Southern California Edison (SCE) has recycled more than 750,000 refrigerators in the past 15 years. In 2008 alone, SCE's Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program resulted in the equivalent greenhouse gas reduction of removing 8,360 cars from the road and diverting more than 7,000 tons of waste from landfills.

SCE will provide a \$50 incentive to customers who want to recycle their refrigerators and freezers or customers can donate their incentive to the Energy Assistance Fund (EAF), SCE's program to help low-income customers pay their electric bill. We will pick up refrigerators and freezers up for free, recycle them in an environmentally friendly way.

The appliance must be picked up at the SCE customer's service address.

The appliance must be empty and in working condition at the time of pick up.

The size of the appliance must be between 10-27 cubic feet.

Pick ups are done by appointment only. To schedule a pick up, call 1-800-234-9722 or visit [www.sce.com/refrigerator](http://www.sce.com/refrigerator)

Customers who purchase a new ENERGY STAR-qualified refrigerator earn a \$50 rebate.

## **Energy and Environmental Facts**

A refrigerator can use about 19 percent of a household's electricity – more than any other single household appliance.

A refrigerator or freezer that was purchased before 1993 can use up to 50 percent more energy than a new Energy Star-qualified model.

Replacing a 10-year old refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR-qualified model saves enough energy to light the average household for 45 days.

By disposing of a spare unit, customers can save up to **\$330** per year on their energy bill.

Refrigeration can account for more than 20 percent of a home's energy use.

A 20-year old refrigerator or freezer consumes on average 1,500 kilowatt-hours annually; A refrigerator or freezer manufactured after 1990 consumes between 400-500 kilowatt-hours annually.

Proper recycling of the foam insulation and refrigerant in the cooling circuit can prevent the release of the equivalent of as much as five tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

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