

# Fact Sheet

## Buying a new fridge or freezer. What you need to know.



### You could be eligible for the Energy Saver Incentive by

- Buying a new fridge or freezer with a 4.5 star rating or higher
- Destroying old inefficient fridges and freezers safely

Contact a **participating business** who sells or decommissions fridges and freezers and ask for the Energy Saver Incentive – a discount or special offer.

For a full list of participating businesses visit **[saveenergy.vic.gov.au](http://saveenergy.vic.gov.au)**

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### Energy Saver Action requirements.

**To be eligible for the Energy Saver Incentive on fridges and freezers there are some requirements you or your participating business will need to meet.**

- You must be purchasing a fridge or freezer for use in a residential home.
- Fridges and freezers being decommissioned are eligible for an incentive if they are: manufactured before 1996; in working order; and are removed and destroyed by an appropriately licensed person.
- You will be asked to sign a form which shows the incentive you received for your Energy Saver action.

**For more details about the requirements, ask your participating business before you buy.**

### How Karen gets free delivery on her energy-efficient fridge.

- Karen hears about the Energy Saver Incentive and wants to take advantage of the discounts and special offers for reducing her energy usage.
- She lives in a rented apartment so there are limits to what she can do to the actual building because she doesn't own it. She already has energy efficient light bulbs, but she knows there are more actions she can take to use less energy.
- Karen decides to reduce her energy usage by replacing an old fridge with a new, energy-efficient model. She visits a business participating in the Energy Saver Incentive and asks a salesperson to show her fridges with a 4.5 star rating or higher.
- The salesperson recommends a number of fridges that attract the Energy Saver Incentive. Karen then asks for an Energy Saver Incentive on the model she prefers.
- She is offered free delivery and accepts the incentive. She buys the fridge and signs a form confirming her incentive from the store – the free delivery. She arranges for it to be delivered.
- Karen also takes advantage of another Energy Saver Incentive. Because the fridge she's replacing was built before 1996, she arranges for it to be taken away and decommissioned by a specialist agent she found looking at the register of participating businesses on the **saveenergy** website.
- The agent comes and collects the fridge – for free, so it can be destroyed in a way that's safe for the environment. Karen signs another form to confirm her incentive – the free collection service.
- Her old fridge is now decommissioned. Her new, more efficient fridge has been delivered which may help reduce her future electricity bills. And Karen is helping Victoria reach its energy saving target of 2.7 million tonnes of greenhouse gas per year.