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**Cash for Appliances Rebate Program Expands
*Consumers Can Begin Saving Immediately***

South Bay - In recent months the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) has shared information about the California Cash for Appliances rebate program which launched on Earth Day. Now we are pleased to inform you that the California Energy Commission has expanded the program to include a greater range of eligible models. Plus you will find a great selection of South Bay retailers on the list of partners. Details and guidelines regarding these changes can be found in the information outlined below.

WHAT: Offering Californians more choices to save money and energy on new appliance purchases, the California Energy Commission today expanded the Cash for Appliances Rebate program. The Cash for Appliances PLUS rebate program now includes high energy efficient dishwashers, freezers, water heaters, and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Eligible energy efficient appliances and rebate amounts available are: refrigerators \$200, clothes washers \$100, and room air conditioners up to \$50. California Cash for Appliance PLUS rebates include: dishwashers \$100, freezers \$50, water heaters \$300-\$750, and HVAC systems: \$500-\$1000.

Consumers still have up to 120 days from the purchase date to submit their rebate application by mail.

Choices for eligible models include 25 dishwashers, 165 freezers, 258 boilers, 2887 furnaces and more than 300 water heaters including solar. Eligible air conditioning units can be found at: www.ceedirectory.org/ Choices for current eligible models include: 273 clothes washers, 139 refrigerators, and 314 room air conditioners. A complete list of eligible models is here: www.cash4appliances.org/products/index.html

Consumers will need to work with a licensed California contractor for the installations of water heaters and heating and cooling units. Consumers should check with their local utility and the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) and review [How to Hire a Contractor](http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/HireAContractor/)



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To date, the Energy Commission has received more than 78,000 applications with approximately \$19 million still available. A tracker is updated on the remaining funds available: www.cash4appliances.org

WHEN: Beginning July 29, consumers can purchase from the new selection of appliances until funds are exhausted. Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WHY: The Energy Commission is expanding consumer choices for high energy efficient appliances due to the continued availability of funds. The revised rebate program guidelines can be viewed here: www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-400-2009-025/CEC-400-2009-025-CMF-REV4.PDF.

WHO: The Energy Commission has partnered with more than 80 Platinum Retail Partners and more than 50 Official Partners to assist consumers with appliance purchases, recycling their old appliances and completing their application. A list of partners is available at: www.cash4appliances.org/partners/list.html.

HOW: Consumers are eligible for a rebate when they purchase a qualified high energy efficient appliance, water heater, or heating and cooling units, properly recycle their old appliance or system, and submit a complete application package within 120 days of the appliance purchase. Instructions on how to complete an application for the California Cash for Appliances rebate is available here: www.cash4appliances.org/consumers/Rebate-Form.pdf

For information on how to properly recycle an old appliance, visit: www.cash4appliances.org/consumers/recycle.html

Additional information is also available through retailer locations across the state and consumers can call the toll-free number for questions at: 1-888-390-4034.

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The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles. Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.