



American Recovery and Reinvestment Action (ARRA) State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP)

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How do you access the program?

There are two ways to access the program.

1) Homeowners can contact OHCS and go through an initial screening process. If OHCS determines they are eligible for the program, OHCS will send them an application packet and ask for income and homeownership verification. Once the application is received and approved at OHCS, the homeowner will be sent the voucher. If the homeowner is replacing their heating system, it will be their responsibility to find a licensed HVAC contractor to do the work and to pay for all costs up front. Once the heating system is installed it will be up to the homeowner to send their rebate voucher and accompanying documentation to ODOE in order to receive the rebate. If the homeowner is replacing a hot water heater, refrigerator, dish washer or washing machine, it will be their responsibility to purchase a qualifying appliance, have it installed, lawfully recycle the old appliance and submit all of the proper paperwork to ODOE for payment of the rebate. *The homeowner will be responsible for paying all costs up front.* If the rebate is more than \$600, ODOE will send a 1099 form at the end of the year for tax purposes.

2) Homeowners who need assistance and require financial help to cover costs can go through their local [Community Action Program](#) (CAP). CAP's will administer their program through their existing Low Income Home Energy Assistance and Weatherization programs. CAP's will be replacing inefficient or non-functioning heating systems, hot water heaters and/or refrigerators first. If homeowners are approved through their local CAP, the cost will be covered 100%. The homeowner will be asked to sign a release for the rebate funds but will not need to pay for either the equipment or installation.

This appliance program was selected for low-income homeowners because Oregon has a [Residential Energy Tax Credit](#) incentive program for all Oregonians who purchase high efficiency appliances.

For more information, please contact:

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