

# Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling

## **Participation Requirements**

## Get a \$50 Reward from Minnesota Power





The Refrigerator and Freezer with window A/C recycling program is brought to you by Minnesota Power. It is designed to reward you for saving energy and to encourage you to properly dispose of your second working refrigerator or freezer and up to three window air conditioners (WACs). WAC pickup must be combined with the pickup of a qualifying refrigerator or freezer. In addition, we encourage you to dispose of your primary refrigerator or freezer when you purchase a new energy-efficient model. When you work with us to pick up and recycle that old, energy inefficient refrigerator or freezer, we'll reward you with \$50 for the first rounded up unit and \$35 for a second unit, if applicable. There is no reward for the pickup and recycling of a WAC. Getting rid of that old refrigerator, freezer and WAC unit typically saves several hundred dollars over its useful lifetime. By recycling this appliance, you ensure that it doesn't end up in a landfill, negatively impact our environment, or end up as an energy hog in another home. See more information below on responsible appliance disposal and recycling.

### **Program Participation Requirements**

- 1. You must be a residential retail customer of Minnesota Power (MP).
- 2. You must own the refrigerator, freezer or window air conditioner (WAC) and it must be picked up at a location listed on the billing account.
- 3. An adult (at least 18 years old) must be at home for the scheduled pickup of the refrigerator and/or freezer and a window air conditioner (WAC) if applicable.
- 4. Product:
  - The refrigerator must be at least 10 cubic feet to a maximum of 27 cubic feet. Larger models will be treated on a case-by-case basis.
  - Freezers must be a residential-sized unit.
  - The refrigerator or freezer and WAC collected must be in working condition (i.e., it must be plugged in and working when the contractor picks it up for recycling). Remember, when you purchase a new refrigerator, it is the perfect time to recycle your old one and get rewarded for it.
  - You can recycle a maximum of two qualifying appliances (refrigerator or freezer), and three WACs in combination with a refrigerator or freezer pickup, per dwelling.

#### **Process to Collect Your Reward**

- Call 1-866-552-6755 or visit www.mnpower.com/RefrigeratorRecycling to schedule a refrigerator and/or freezer (and additional window air conditioning units) pickup. There is no charge for the pickup and recycling of the qualifying units. You will be asked to verify that you are an MP customer based on the residential address listed on the billing account. Please make sure the unit is plugged in, emptied and working when the contractor arrives. The contractor will not pick up non-working units. WAC units must be removed from windows.
- 2. After scheduling your pickup on the phone or online, you will be contacted the day before the pickup to verify the date, time, and location and to confirm you will be available.
- 3. A licensed and insured Minnesota Power contractor will come to your home to collect the unit(s). Their personnel will be wearing identification badges designating them as an MP contractor. The contractor will be responsible for inspecting your appliance to ensure it meets the above requirements. They will also disable the appliance (cut the cord) to guarantee it will not be used again. The contractor is responsible for any damage incurred in taking the appliance out of your home.
- 4. The unit will be loaded onto the truck and taken to a certified recycling facility to be properly processed and recycled according to the EPA's Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) program guidelines. This includes recovery of ozone-depleting chemicals from old refrigerators and freezers and ensures the following:
  - Refrigerant is recovered and reclaimed or destroyed.
  - Polyurethane insulating foam is recovered and destroyed, or the blowing agent is recovered and reclaimed.
  - Metals, plastics, and glass are recycled.
  - PCBs, mercury, and used oil are recovered and properly disposed of.
- 5. Within 4–6 weeks of the pickup, you can expect your reward check—\$50 for the first unit and \$35 for the second unit, if applicable. There is no reward for the window air conditioner (WAC). This offer can be changed at any time subject to dollars available and modifications to program requirements.