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Recycle your old refrigerator and get extra summer cash

Customers get money now to recycle their spare fridge and save on future electric bills

SMUD will pay customers \$35 for turning in their spare operating refrigerator or freezer. Old refrigerators can use as much as three times the power as newer models, and can add \$100 to \$200 to an annual electric bill.

SMUD wants to help customers lower their bills and their energy demand, especially during the hot summer months. When older refrigerators and freezers are taken out of service and recycled, the customer saves money through lower electric bills and the entire community benefits from lowered power demand on the grid, especially when supplies are at their lowest levels, hot summer afternoons.

The SMUD goal is to recycle 8,000 spare refrigerators and freezers, saving more than 1.9 megawatts of electricity annually, enough electricity to power about 1,000 average-sized homes. Interested customers should act soon to take advantage while funds are available. The offer will run until the 8,000-refrigerator/freezer goal is reached and no later than December 31, 2006.

SMUD has contracted with Appliance Recycling Centers of America-California (ARCA), to pick up the appliances from customers' homes and recycle the old units. ARCA is an experienced appliance recycler that will schedule pick-up and transport the appliance to their facility and will recover and recycle all component parts and properly dispose of potentially harmful chemicals found in the cooling system and insulation.

There are some program guidelines:

- The refrigerator or freezer must be in working condition, and between 10 and 27 cubic feet in size to qualify.
- Up to two units may be recycled per residential address.
- The refrigerator-recycling program is done on a "first-come-first-served" basis.

SMUD customers can sign up for the program by contacting SMUD's contractor, ARCA by calling 1-866-898-7683 or by visiting www.smud.org and following the link.

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