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CWLP REFRIGERATOR ROUND UP STILL TARGETING ENERGY HOGS

While the State program funds have lapsed, CWLP customers can still qualify for utility rebate.

This Earth Day, City Water, Light and Power's Energy Services Office encourages you to recycle your old working refrigerator or freezer for a \$50 rebate through its '[Great Refrigerator Round Up](#).' Since 2008, the utility has partnered with the Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA) to provide its customers with a recycling program for refrigerators and freezers manufactured before 1993, which use two to four times the energy of newer ENERGY STAR® models. Approximately 95% of each unit collected is recycled, preventing the release of ozone-depleting and high-global-warming-potential refrigerants and foam blowing agents. Window air conditioner units can also be recycled through this program, although they are not eligible for rebates.

The CWLP Energy Experts estimate that the potential count of inefficient refrigerators and freezers among its customers could be as high as 40,000. Each dated unit represents an extra 700 to 1,600 kWh to operate and adds between \$100 to \$175 per year to each household's utility bill.

ARCA, which added 13 jobs to the Springfield economy for the administration of this program, is one of the nation's largest recyclers of major household appliances for the energy conservation programs of electric utilities. The company currently provides appliance recycling and replacement services for more than 20 electric utility companies and public power authorities in the United States and Canada.

To participate in this program, visit the [ARCA website](#) or contact an ARCA customer service representative at 1-866-899-9862. For questions on other CWLP energy efficiency programs call the CWLP Energy Experts at 789-2070 or visit the [Energy Services section](#) of the [CWLP website](#).

To promote this energy rebate, CWLP is hosting a retired refrigerator decoration contest for local junior and senior high students. Entries will be judged at the City's Earth Day celebration at the Old State Capitol lawn this Saturday, April 24th at 10:15 a.m. Mayor Tim Davlin will present the winners with award certificates.