

City offers refrigerator rebate

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Gallup electric utility customers are eligible for a rebate on certain energy efficient refrigerators through a program offered by the City of Gallup.

Charles Nourse, Electric Department Director, and staff are asking the community to apply for the rebate to further enjoy the benefits of energy efficiency. If approved for the rebate, customers will have a \$100 credit applied to their utility account.

“Fridges are one of the heaviest consumers of energy,” Nourse said. “In addition to the savings consumers can realize throughout the year, this rebate is another great incentive to make the switch to energy efficient fridges.”

According to the Energy Star federal program, an Energy Star certified refrigerator can save about \$230 over the lifetime of the unit. Depending on the age of the unit, even more savings could be realized by replacing an old refrigerator with an Energy Star certified unit. People can search for certified products by price range, features and types on the website, [EnergyStar.gov](https://www.energystar.gov).

Beyond cost savings, the older units often also have “hard start and stop” functionality, Nourse explained, which puts extra strain on the electrical system. The City owns, maintains and operates its electrical grid as a public utility, and Nourse and his staff work to prevent outages.

To apply for the rebate program, visit GallupNM.gov and in the search bar at the top of the page, search for “rebate.” Follow the “Rebate Forms” link to complete the required form. The form has further details and submission instructions.

To be eligible for the rebate, the refrigerator must have been purchased between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. It must also have an Energy Star high-efficiency rating of Tier 1, 2 or 3. Finally, an original receipt and photo of the model number label on the refrigerator are required. Only residential refrigerators are eligible.

For more information, contact (505) 863-1393.

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