

U.S. Cash for Appliances – Government Rebates

Beginning this fall, you will see another type of economic stimulus incentive from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The economic stimulus plan provides for \$296 million in federal government funds for state-run appliance rebate programs.

Just as the popular United States Cash for Clunkers program was winding down, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced a new economic stimulus measure, the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (dubbed “Cash for Appliances” or “Cash for Refrigerators” by the media).

The program will provide government rebate incentives for purchases of new energy efficient home appliances like refrigerators, dishwashers, and water heaters. For more information visit www.NJCleanEnergy.com

NEW WEBSITE

We are now on the internet! Please feel free to check out our website on our site is a list of vacancies as well as a tab to report a maintenance issue. In the near future we will be taking rental payments via the website, please visit us at www.gs-rm.com.

Congratulations and well wishes go out to everyone, Celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, The Birth of a Child and any Joyous Event! Periodically we will be sending out these newsletters full of helpful information so keep a look out for them.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Good day residents it is that time of year again, our children will be returning to school on September 3rd for their first full day of classes. Let's make this year a success for our children by participating in the Back to School Night, September 15th at 5:00pm for Elementary Schools and September 17th at 5:00pm for our High Schools students. Get to know your child's educators and learn what is expected of them. This partnership lets your child and your child's teacher know that you are serious about their education. Progress Report distribution will be October 7th, 2009 for all grades. The following websites are valuable resources for parents:

Paterson Public Schools

<http://www.paterson.k12.nj.us/index.html>

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Parent Resource Center

http://www.paterson.k12.nj.us/departments/parent_resource_center/index.html

Boys & Girls Club of Paterson & Passaic
After School Programs
<http://www.bgclubofpaterson.org/>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

Daylight savings time will go into effect on November 1st remember to turn the clocks back 1 hour on Sunday morning. Also, this would be a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. In the event of a fire this is your first line of defense, testing the battery monthly will go a long way in ensuring your safety and that of your family.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

As a brief reminder Renter's Insurance is also very important. Renter's insurance is offered through many of the major insurance carriers with fees as low as \$10 monthly. In the event of a fire, burglary or other situation that may cause damage to your personal belongings your policy may replace or provide you with money toward the purchase of a new item. Contact your current auto insurance or life insurance agent, multiple policies with the same company could mean bigger savings.

WEATHERIZATION TIPS

With the cold winter months just around the corner these few tips can help your heating work more efficiently.

1. Move all large furniture away from the heating units. This will allow the heat to circulate better in the room.
2. Window installation kits. Easy to install, inexpensive and are available at any home improvement center or hardware store. This will serve as a barrier in reducing drafts.

3. Insulated window curtains are available at any discount store and add a second barrier against drafts.
4. A door draft blocker is also great to help prevent heat loss. At the following website you will find instruction on how to make them.
http://www.ehow.com/how_4719727_save-heating-door-draft-blockers.html
5. Thermostat regulation for those of you who manage your own heat will find it more efficient to keep it at a steady 69-70 degrees throughout the day to keep the home comfortable.

The following agencies are available to help you weatherize your home as well as provide funds to help you pay your energy costs.

New Jersey Comfort Partners
800-915-8309
www.njcleanenergy.com

Statewide Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
800-510-3102

New Jersey Shares
866-657-4273

Universal Service Fund (USF)
866-240-1347