

Appliance Recycling FAQ

What is the Appliance Recycling Program?

It is one of several programs PECO offers to help customers save money and reduce their energy usage. The program removes older, energy-wasting refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, dehumidifiers and mini-fridges and recycles the units in an environmentally responsible manner.

Is there an incentive to participate in the program?

Yes. Customers recycling their older, energy-wasting refrigerators and/or freezers will receive a \$75 rebate from PECO. A rebate of \$10 also is available for old, working room air conditioners, dehumidifiers or mini-fridges with the pickup of a qualifying full-size refrigerator or freezer.

Why should I recycle my appliances?

Because it will save you money and it is good for the environment. As an example, older refrigerators and freezers typically use four times more electricity than newer models that are being produced today.

How much will I save on my electric bills?

If a secondary refrigerator, usually located in the basement or garage, is removed and not replaced, households can save about \$150 per year depending on the size and age of the unit.

How do I know the person picking up the appliance is from PECO?

PECO is partnering with ARCA Recycling (ARCA) on the program. All ARCA employees will wear uniforms and display an identification badge, with their photograph, identifying them as a PECO contractor.

What are the requirements to participate in the program?

To qualify, you must be an active PECO customer and own the unit to be recycled. In addition, the refrigerator or freezer must be:

- A standard kitchen size refrigerator between 10 and 30 cubic feet
- In working condition
- Accessible with a clear and safe path of removal. The removal team will not risk injury, remove personal effects or modify your home (e.g. remove doors or railings) to remove the unit(s)
- Room air conditioners and mini-fridges must be picked up at the same time a fridge or freezer is picked up

Why is PECO offering this Program?

As part of the Pennsylvania Act 129 program, PECO is required to reduce the overall electric consumption of its customers by five percent during the next five years. To achieve that goal, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved a PECO plan that created several energy efficiency programs, including Appliance Recycling.

When does the Appliance Recycling Program end?

The program will be available through May 31, 2026. Depending on available funds, the program may be extended beyond that date.

How do I schedule a pick up?

To schedule a pickup customers may call PECO toll-free at 1-888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672) or schedule your appointment online at peco.com/recycling.

Is there a limit on the number of appliances that can be picked up?

There is a pickup limit of two large appliances (refrigerators and freezers), two mini-fridges, two dehumidifiers and five room air conditioners per PECO account per year. A room air conditioner, dehumidifier or mini-fridge must be picked up in conjunction with a fridge or freezer pickup and not picked up separately by itself.

How do I get my rebate check?

A check will be mailed to you within 4-6 weeks after your appliance(s) have been picked up.

Can the rebate be credited to my bill?

Rebates can only be issued in the form of a check.

Do I have to put my refrigerator out at the curb?

No. We want to make sure it still works, so keep it in the home and plugged in.

Does someone need to be home for the pickup appointment?

An adult 18 years or older needs to be present on the day of the pick-up. If someone is not available, you must complete and sign a "No-Contact" authorization form to leave with the appliance.

Are contactless pickups available?

Yes, you may complete and sign a "No-Contact" authorization form to leave with the appliance.

What is the appointment pick-up window?

You will receive a call 1-2 days before your appointment with a 4-hour window of time. Pick-up appointments are between the hours of 8am - 6pm.

How much of the refrigerator or freezer is recycled and how does it benefit the environment?

More than 95% of each unit is recycled by ARCA at a recycling facility following guidelines from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) program.

