

Government to help consumers replace appliances

Aug. 27 -- The federal government, which recently concluded its Cash for Clunkers program, soon plans to reward consumers for replacing their old, inefficient appliances.

The Energy Department is making nearly \$300 million available in economic stimulus funds to help consumers purchase new Energy Star qualified home appliances. Those are appliances that, according to testing, are at least 10% more energy efficient than standard models.

The rebate program will stimulate the economy while reducing energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, Energy Secretary Steven Chu said.

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