



## Be An Energy-Saving Star!

### TMLP Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Incentive Program Reminder

TMLP customers who purchased a qualified energy efficient ENERGY STAR appliance between January 1st and December 31st, 2019 are reminded that all applications must be submitted by January 31, 2020 to be eligible to receive a rebate under the 2019 program.

Applications and accompanying documentation received after January 31, 2020 will not be honored for 2019 purchases.

Remember: Only **ENERGY STAR** appliances are eligible for a rebate and rebates are limited to one ENERGY STAR appliance purchase per household per calendar year. Appliances that may qualify will have the ENERGY STAR logo on the yellow Energy Guide label that is attached to the appliance. You can find the list of appliances at <http://www.energystar.gov/products/>.

A copy of all sales receipts is required to receive an incentive rebate. Customers must have had an active residential electric account with TMLP for at least six months and have a zero balance (with no arrears) for at least six months.

The appliance must be installed at the account location and TMLP reserves the right to inspect the installation on the premises.

For a list of qualified ENERGY STAR appliances that are eligible for a TMLP 2019 rebate incentive, as well as the rebate amounts, visit the website [www.tmlp.com](http://www.tmlp.com). Information on the 2020 program can also be obtained on the website.

### Be Prepared!

Thinking ahead and having the necessary information and supplies can not only provide peace of mind when weather turns threatening, it can be essential in keeping you and your family safe before, during and after a storm.

"Your Guide to Storm Safety" is available on the TMLP website:

<http://www.tmlp.com/pdf/StormSafetyBooklet.pdf>

Customers can download the booklet and are advised to keep it with other essential storm-related items in the home. Copies of the booklet can also be obtained by calling TMLP at 508-824-6976.

### New Look for Our Website and eNewsletter!

Coming soon, an electronic newsletter will be available for customers to receive via email. Also, the new TMLP website is set to launch in early 2020. Look for our new user-friendly website [www.tmlp.com](http://www.tmlp.com) within the next few months!

### Save Energy Throughout The Year

Saving energy is something you can do every day of the year, regardless of the season. Saving energy can be simple: turn off the lights when you leave the room, insulate your windows, wash the dishes by hand if you can, don't do a load of laundry until you have a large load, and unplug your devices when you're not using them.

Saving energy can also require doing a little bit of research before making a purchase. Most of today's electronics and appliances are ENERGY STAR rated, and there are apps that turn your thermostat up or down, turn your lights on or off, and some can even regulate your appliances.

Today's technology can help save energy in everyday products, too:

- Consider an energy-saving power switch that draws zero energy when the switch is flipped off. Some even include a remote that lets you control power to your whole computer system.
- LED night lights cost less than 30 cents a year to operate, compared to a 5-watt incandescent night light would cost 10-times more.
- Most Wi-Fi enabled thermostats are ENERGY STAR rated and can help cut down on energy consumption and costs. The apps can show you how much energy you use so you can make the right decisions when regulating the temperature and time of usage.
- If a Wi-Fi thermostat is not in your price range, or if you're not sure if your house is compatible, consider buying a programmable thermostat. You could save up to \$150 a year in energy costs when you use it properly.
- Some showerheads can use up to 75% less water than traditional "low-flow" showerheads. Putting in the new low-flow fixtures can reduce your water consumption by at least 50% and could save you hundreds of dollars every year, depending on your water rates.
- Pressure cookers use far less energy than many appliances by cooking food quickly, saving you both time and money.
- Use solar power to make your home more energy-efficient whenever you can. Solar-powered garden lights have extra-large solar panels that can allow up to 10 hours of nighttime lighting on a full charge.



## Carbon Monoxide Prevention

Unfortunately, winter is prime time for carbon monoxide poisoning. Heating systems are on and cars are mistakenly warmed in closed garages, spewing the colorless, odorless gas that often goes undetected, striking victims caught off guard or in their sleep.

Carbon monoxide is an "invisible killer" that is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators or furnaces. When this gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned. Ventilation does not guarantee safety.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 400 people in the U.S. die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, and 20,000 more visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized.

Anyone - and everyone - is at risk.

The National Safety Council recommends that all homes have a battery-operated or battery backup carbon monoxide detector in the hallway near each separate sleeping area in your home. Batteries should be checked each spring and fall and replaced if necessary. The detector itself should be replaced every five years.

There are simple precautions you can take to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning in addition to installing a carbon monoxide detector:

- If the alarm sounds on your carbon monoxide detector, leave the house and call 911 or the fire department. Carbon monoxide detectors are also available for motor homes and boats.
- Open the garage door before starting your car and never leave your car running in your garage. Leaving your car running in an attached garage is never safe, even with the garage door open.
- Use gas appliances as recommended and never use a gas stove or oven to heat your home. If you use fuel-burning space heaters, make sure you use them only when someone is awake to monitor it and doors or windows are open to provide fresh air. Don't run a generator in an enclosed space, such as the basement or garage.
- Fuel-burning appliances and engines should be properly vented, including space heaters, furnaces, charcoal grills, cooking ranges, water heaters, fireplaces, portable generators, wood-burning stoves, and car and truck engines.
- Fireplace chimneys and flues should be maintained and cleaned every year.

Sign up for a Free Home Energy Audit!  
Call 1-888-772-4242

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**Office hours**  
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Our office is open  
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