

# Washing Machines

## Fact Sheet

Washing machines are one of the biggest water users in the home. A water efficient front loading washing machine uses approximately one-third the water of an inefficient model and can help households to use water more efficiently around the home and save money on their water bills.

As part of the *Living Victoria Water Rebate Program*, a \$150 rebate is now available for the purchase and installation of a 5 star water (WELS rated) and 4 star energy rated clothes washing machine. This rebate provides an incentive for households to install the most water-efficient models available on the market.

### Eligibility

- To receive the \$150 rebate for a clothes washing machine, it must be at least a 5 Star WELS rated and have an energy rating of at least 4 Star.
- The clothes washing machines must be purchased for personal residential household use within Victoria only and must not be resold or used for commercial applications.
- The clothes washing machine must be purchased, installed and operational for the rebate to be claimed.
- The rebate for a clothes washing machine is only available for a period of 12 months and this rebate will finish on 30 June 2012. All washing machine rebate claims must be lodged by 30 September 2012.
- Product costs plus installation costs must be equal to or greater than the rebate value to be claimed or minimum expenditure where stated.
- Eligible customers can claim only one washing machine rebate for each eligible property that they own or occupy over the life of the **Program**, including the previous Water Smart Gardens and Homes Rebate Scheme.

### More information

WELS is Australia's national mandatory water efficiency and labelling standards. For more information about the WELS program visit [www.waterrating.gov.au](http://www.waterrating.gov.au)

The Living Victoria Water Rebate Program is administered by the Victorian water corporations on behalf of the Victorian Government, in partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

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