

PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

# APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM



The Academy is interested in both conserving its economic resources and being a model environmental steward. While PEA has made many investments towards reducing energy use, managing hazardous materials legally and effectively, and at successful recycling, much remains to be done. The Environmental Task Force, composed of faculty, staff, and students, has been meeting monthly for three years to identify priorities and make suggestions. One such suggestion is that the school reaffirm and update its previously little-known policy of offering rebates to faculty who live in PEA housing and who purchase energy-efficient appliances. The following guidelines have been accepted by the administration and are now available:

**WASHING MACHINES:** The school will provide a rebate of \$250\* to faculty members who purchases a front-loading washing machine for use in his or her Academy apartment or Academy house. Front-loading machines use significantly less water and energy than top-loaders do. The purchase price of a front-loader, however, is significantly greater than that of a comparable top-loader (one top-loader, the Sears Kenmore Elite with Calypso Wash Motion, has the same efficiency as front-loaders do. Faculty interested in the purchase of that particular machine are eligible for the \$250 rebate as well).

**REFRIGERATORS:** The school will provide a \$100 rebate\* to faculty members who purchase a 'stacking' freezer-refrigerator, *without* automatic ice- or water-dispensers, for use in an Academy apartment or house. Refrigerators with side-by-side doors and/or external ice- or water-dispensers use a great deal more energy than ones with the freezer above or below the refrigerator and with no ice- or water-dispenser, so long as the latter units have separate doors.

**DRYING RACKS:** We encourage the use of simple drying racks periodically to cut energy use and costs. Electric dryers are energy drains. If residents in Academy housing are willing to commit to using a drying rack, they are welcome to a new rack, courtesy of the Academy. Please contact Jennifer Wilhelm, the Academy's Sustainability Coordinator (ext. 3765, [jwilhelm@exeter.edu](mailto:jwilhelm@exeter.edu)).

*\*Faculty interested in these rebates should furnish a copy of their purchase receipt and a description of the appliance to Laura Buell in the Finance Office in Jeremiah Smith Hall. We strongly suggest that faculty interested in an appliance rebate check in with Laura Buell (ext. 3460, [lbuell@exeter.edu](mailto:lbuell@exeter.edu)) PRIOR to purchase to make sure that the appliance meets the criteria outlined above.*

***More information on energy efficient appliances can be found at:  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)***