

Step by Step Guide to:

Buying an ENERGY STAR® Dishwasher

- 1** Decide on the size and features you need. The vast majority of dishwashers are standard-size, built-in models, though some portables and compacts qualify for the ENERGY STAR program.
- 2** Check this Natural Resources Canada website for a list of ENERGY STAR-qualified dishwashers: <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential/business/manufacturers/search/dishwashers-search.cfm?attr=4>. To qualify for the ENERGY STAR label, dishwashers must be at least 41 per cent more energy efficient than minimum federal standards for their class. Look for models that use the least amount of total energy (measured in kilowatt hours per year) and the least amount of hot water (measured in litres per load).
- 3** When you shop, look for ENERGY STAR-labeled dishwashers that also offer such energy-saving features as internal temperature boosters, short and “smart wash” cycle options and the ability to air dry dishes.
- 4** Ask retailers if they will deliver and install your new dishwasher (and for what fee) and if they will remove and recycle your old dishwasher.
- 5** If you choose to install the new dishwasher yourself, make sure a) it will fit into the allotted space if it’s a built-in model and b) you can easily connect to hot water and drain lines.



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