

What's new in appliances for your home?

Before you buy,
be sure to ask your electric
cooperative about appliance
rebate programs!



Cooking choices galore

This combination wall oven from KitchenAid offers the versatility and speed of a microwave and the exceptional performance of a convection oven. The upper oven offers microwave-convection cooking for more even results in less time and includes grilling and frying options; soften and melt cycles provide low power for delicate tasks such as softening ice cream or melting butter. The lower convection oven provides consistent heat for even cooking on all three racks and includes an adjustable, closed-door convection broiling function for small or large quantities.

The Model KEMS378 is available with a black, white or stainless steel finish; suggested retail prices start at \$3,249. For more details, go to www.kitchenaid.com.



Kid-friendly fridge

Tired of the kids standing in front of the refrigerator with the door wide open, trying to decide what to eat next? The Samsung French-door refrigerator with bottom-mount freezer has a counter-height, compartmentalized drawer with an easy-to-open handle that's a perfect spot for stashing snacks. In addition, the 28-cubic-foot refrigerator is packed with energy-saving features such as a Twin Cooling System that generates cooling air separately for the refrigerator and freezer compartments, an alarm that sounds if a door is left open, LED digital display on the front and LED lighting inside.

The Model RF4287HA is available with a white, black, stainless platinum or stainless steel finish; suggested retail prices start at \$2,699. For more details, go to www.samsung.com.



Hot combination

It's hard to believe you'd hide this good-looking pair in a laundry room! The Kenmore Elite 4.5-cubic-foot capacity washing machine includes five unique wash motions and real steam options to clean and care for a variety of fabrics. Best of all, if you have a problem, all you have to do is call a toll-free number and hold the phone up to the control panel – so the washer can transmit data to a technician who can handle your questions. The matching 7.4-cubic-foot dryer also uses steam technology to reduce odors, relax wrinkles and lessen static for ready-to-wear convenience.

The Model 4102 washer is available with a white, ginger or chili pepper red finish; suggested retail prices start at \$1,349. The Model 8102 dryer starts at \$1,449. For more details, go to www.sears.com.

TIP Use the microwave, instead of the oven. You'll save up to 80 percent on energy costs and decrease the heat load (and the need for air-conditioning) in the kitchen too.

TIP Keep your refrigerator and freezer compartments full. Food (and even containers filled with water or ice) will retain the cold temperatures better than empty spaces.

TIP Wash full loads, but don't overload the washer. If packed together too tightly, clothes and other items won't get clean, because the water won't be able to circulate properly.



You could win a \$50 credit on your power bill!

We'd like to know what energy-efficiency improvements you've made to your home. Please go to the *Living with Energy in Iowa* Web site at www.livingwithenergyiowa.com and complete our short survey by Jan. 31, 2011. We'll pick a winner's name at random from all the completed surveys. (If you'd like to complete the survey but remain anonymous, that's okay – but you won't be eligible for the \$50 prize.)



A range of options

According to Whirlpool, this Re-source Saver double-oven freestanding range lets you cook two different dishes at the same time – with the upper oven using up to 39 percent less energy than a conventional 5.3-cubic-foot oven. Both ovens include a convection cooking system, steam cleaning so no harsh chemicals are needed for cleanup and an energy-saving mode that uses 64 percent less energy when activated for a 24-hour period. On top, there's a durable and eco-friendly Ceran glass cooktop with four cooking elements; a fifth element in the middle of the cooktop keeps food warm while other dishes are being prepared.

The Model GGE390LX range is available with a white, black or stainless steel finish; suggested retail prices start at \$1,649. For more details, go to www.whirlpool.com.



Covering oven racks with foil is a no-no. An oven works most efficiently when air can circulate within it. Stagger multiple pans to maximize air circulation and ensure even cooking too.



Steamy and stylish

Stuck-on foods don't stand a chance in this GE Profile dishwasher; a deep-clean cycle with a steam pre-wash option helps loosen soils before the main wash. Then the PureClean wash system with five-stage filtration continuously pushes soils through multiple levels of filtration to ensure that grit will not redeposit on the freshly cleaned dishware. The dishwasher also includes a dispenser that holds an entire 47-ounce bottle of detergent and dispenses it depending on water hardness, cycle selection and the soil levels of dishes, pots, pans, utensils and glassware.

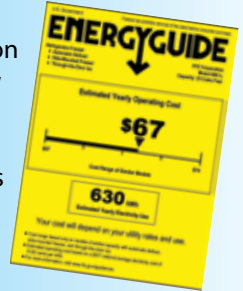
The PDWT500-Series dishwashers are available with a white, black or stainless steel finish; a custom panel option is also available. Suggested retail prices start at \$1,249. For more details, go to www.ge.com.



Find the filter and clean it. If your dishwasher doesn't have a self-cleaning filter, regularly remove the filter and clean out trapped food particles to keep the drain clear.

Look for the labels

The Federal Trade Commission requires a yellow EnergyGuide label on most home appliances that shows an estimated yearly operating cost, along with expected electricity and/or gas usage. The label also displays the highest and lowest cost estimates of similar appliance models. Use these labels to compare different models of the appliance you're considering, but remember that the dollar amounts are based on a national average energy cost so they may not be the same as you're paying now.



When you go shopping, you should find an EnergyGuide sticker on the front of these appliances: clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners. If it's not there, check for a hanging tag inside.

Also look for an Energy Star® logo, which signifies that an appliance meets strict energy efficiency criteria established by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S.



Environmental Protection Agency. The Energy Star standards significantly exceed the

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For the latest information on Energy Star qualified appliances (including updates in qualification standards and a list of products by manufacturer), go to www.energystar.gov.