



## **WINDOW MOUNTED PORTABLE RE-CIRCULATING EVAPORATIVE (Swamp) COOLER \$100 Rebate Program**

**Save water and money by replacing your old leaky evaporative cooler with a new window mounted evaporative cooler.**



City of Fresno water customers may be eligible for a \$100 rebate when purchasing an updated water-efficient evaporative cooler that replaces their old leaking evaporative cooler. (Only Window Mounted Portable Re-Circulating Evaporative Cooler qualify.)

Coolers that no longer function properly due to such problems as an irreparable rusted pan, can waste thousands of gallons of water when in use. If you are a customer using such a unit, you are paying for the wasted water. The City of Fresno is offering a rebate to help defray the cost of replacing the cooler. The most efficient new coolers may use about 3.5 gallons of water per hour as opposed to the thousands of gallons per year you may currently be wasting with your existing unit that is not functioning properly.

Evaporative cooling is the reduction in air temperature that occurs when water evaporates. Evaporative coolers, commonly called "swamp coolers," use this effect to cool homes. These coolers do not use refrigerants. In a direct evaporative cooler, a blower forces outside air through a permeable, water-soaked pad. As the air passes through the pad, it is filtered, cooled, and humidified.

Evaporative coolers are sized based on cubic feet per minute (cfm) of airflow. Two to three cfm per square foot is typical. Improperly sized evaporative coolers will waste water and energy and may cause excess humidity or other comfort problems. *Two-speed coolers are best for handling varying cooling loads.*

### **How the Program Works**

1. Obtain an Application: City of Fresno Water Conservation Program: 621-5480; email: [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov) or go to: [www.fresno.gov/water](http://www.fresno.gov/water).
2. Send completed application and copy of sales receipt to the Water Division. (See rebate program guidelines and conditions for detailed information.)
3. After reviewing the application, a representative will schedule a brief appointment to verify your old cooler meets rebate requirements.

## **Evaporative Cooler Rebate Program Guidelines and Conditions**

### **Qualifying Coolers:**

- Unit must be an evaporative cooler that is window-mounted type (only) and use UL recognized electrical components.
- Cooler must be new and be a replacement unit of an existing older, less water efficient window mounted cooler which is non-functioning or in such disrepair that water to the unit is wasted.
- All cooler related water supply lines, valves, connections; seals must be in good repair, properly installed, and leak free.
- A bleed valve shall not be installed. Purge or drain lines cannot be connected to the sewer.
- Rebate does not apply to replacing existing HVAC systems.
- Coolers must be installed within the Fresno City service area and at the location on application.

### **Inspections:**

- An on-site compliance verification at the address shown on the City of Fresno utility bill is required.
- The installation inspection will consist of visually confirming the new unit has been installed; confirming the unit matches the sales invoice or receipt; visually confirming all connections are leak free.
- The old unit inspection requires that the old unit still be installed at the inspection time and date so that visual confirmation can be made that the old unit meets replacement qualifications.

### **Timelines and Who Qualifies?**

- Program applies to coolers purchased after 12/1/14.
- After cooler installation, applicants will be notified by City of Fresno staff to schedule a final inspection.
- Rebate available to City of Fresno water customers who have property with existing single-family dwellings within the City water service area.
- Limit one rebate per qualified account, OR one per master meter unit of PUD's, HOA's, mobile homes, condos/townhouses, multi-family residential or any other shared billing account. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.

### **Rebates:**

- Cooler installation costs and new construction are not rebated. Accessories and taxes are not rebated.
- Rebate checks will be mailed 4-8 weeks after completing the rebate process.
- Rebate amount cannot exceed the purchase price of the new cooler.

### **Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:**

- On-site compliance verification is required.
- Copy of the original itemized dated sales receipt for the new cooler is required.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be returned to the applicant.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates.

### **Other Considerations:**

- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.

Old Cooler Disposal: City of Fresno Solid Waste Division: 621-1452; Community Sanitation - Annual Operation Clean-up: 621-1447; Recycling Centers (check telephone directory). More about Evaporative Coolers: <http://www.h2ouse.org/>



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Mail to: City of Fresno, Water Conservation: HECW Rebate Program, 1910 East University, Fresno, CA 93703  
Phone: (559) 621-5480 - Fax: (559) 498-4228  
E-mail: waterconservation@fresno.gov : Web site: www.fresno.gov/water

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Qualifying Information</b>	<b>Information required below can be provided by Retailer or may be available in appliance booklets.</b>
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Evaporative Cooler Manufacturer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_  
CFM \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic feet per minute of airflow) Retailer name \_\_\_\_\_  
Price\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
( Without extras, tax)

<b>Account Information</b>	<b>Attach a copy of your current Fresno City utility bill.</b> Accounts must be current and in good standing to qualify for rebate.
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Account Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention: Renters and Tenants:** Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager. Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Building Information</b> <i>(Installation Address)</i>	<b>Building Type (select one):</b> _____ Multi-Family Apt/Duplex _____ Single Family home _____ PUD _____ Condo _____ Mobile Home _____ HOA Shared billing account
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**Number of:** People in selected unit \_\_\_\_\_ Selected unit # (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_ Site Name (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

Evaporative Cooler Rebate - **Please complete, sign, and date this page. Attach proof of purchase before mailing. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.**

**Rebate Information**

How did you learn about the rebate? \_\_\_\_\_

Rebates to replace an older non-functioning unit. Old evaporative cooler must be inspected by City to qualify.

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- Rebate value cannot exceed the actual cost of new evaporative cooler .
- Copy of original itemized dated sales receipt is required prior to rebate approval.
- Limit 1 evaporative cooler per qualified customer account.
- New evaporative cooler must be installed within 45 days of purchase date.
- Compliance with attached Guideline is required (if Guideline is not attached, call 621-5480 to request a copy).

**Agreement of Terms and Conditions**

City of Fresno may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Evaporative Cooler Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any cooler and that the City does not warrant any cooler or installation or the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the cooler for installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with installation of the evaporative cooler. *The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time.* Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis. For further questions, please call (559) 621-5480.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use Only**

Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tracking # \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Application: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Denial \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Evaporative Cooler Information:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>CFM</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Install Date</u>	<u>\$ Rebate</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Date to Accounting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rebate(s) @ \_\_\_\_\_ each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Rebate Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNTING:** Rebate Check sent : Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_