

Save **THREE** Ways on Appliances This Weekend

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A reminder, if you need a new appliance—this **MAY** be the weekend to buy it. Tomorrow, North Carolina's annual Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday begins! The savings can really add up because you'll probably save three ways: 1) on the taxes, 2) on the price because many stores are marking down eligible appliances to boost sales and 3) energy star appliances use less energy—so you'll also save on your power bill!

State lawmakers approved the tax break to promote energy efficiency. It only applies to certain categories of appliances though-- and they must carry the Energy Star for efficiency. Washers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, even ceiling fans and programmable thermostats are all included. Dryers and dishwashers are **NOT** part of the savings program. Many people have asked, why not? There actually was an effort in the legislature earlier this year to add those items along with a list of others, including compact florescent light bulbs. But word is the idea was nixed because of the struggling state budget-- legislators did not want to lose that revenue, too. If you need one of the included appliances though-- the savings can help. The tax break runs through Sunday!

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