

# Ecofees on Cooling Appliances and Air Conditioners

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The government regulates the industry's obligations regarding the display of ecofees and determines the obligations of recovery programs in Quebec.

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Ecofees fund the collection, transportation, recycling and administration costs of the GoRecycle program, enabling its members to comply with regulatory obligations.

## Ecofees on Cooling Appliances: in effect since 2022

- In 2019, the Quebec government added cooling appliances to the Regulation Respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of Products by Enterprises (RRVPE in French), requiring the industry to implement a recovery program from 2020.
- Since 2021, the industry has put in place GoRecycle to support the responsible disposal of end-of-life cooling appliances. As the only organization recognized by RECYC-QUÉBEC, GoRecycle represents industry members and provides them with recovery and recycling services for said appliances.
- The ecofees applied since 2022 make it possible to finance the operations required by the Regulation, and to recover more than 95% of the materials contained in the appliances recycled, right here in Quebec.

## Every dollar supports the links in the recovery and recycling chain of appliances, including:



More than 500 collection points including 300 public drop-off points



Manage recyclers



Treating harmful materials including refrigerant gases



Transporting appliances, often bulky and heavy



Public awareness and information



Administration and Accountability required by the Regulation

## Disposing of appliances responsibly: a challenging, but necessary job

When they reach their end-of-life cycle, cooling appliances must be handled with great care. This is especially important, since they release greenhouse gases if they are not treated adequately. For every appliance that GoRecycle collects and recycles responsibly, the equivalent of one ton of greenhouse gas emissions is avoided.

## A total of 138,000 tonnes of GHG emissions avoided in 2023:

160,000 collected appliances

Recycling cooling appliances contributes significantly to the fight against climate change and waste reduction. Take an air conditioner as an example. Recycling a used A/C unit is equivalent to refusing 684,932 plastic straws.

## Changes to be effective as of September 1:

Same service, more flexible

As of September 1, retailers will have the option to make ecofees visible or not when displaying the price.

## Ecofees vary depending on the type of appliance. Updated fees will be in effect on September 1, 2024.

Appliances in question: household cooling appliances and air conditioners.

**\$40**

Refrigerators



Freezers



Cellars

**\$22**

Water dispensers



Air Conditioners



Dehumidifiers

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