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Save Energy and Sales Taxes on Memorial Day Weekend

Is it time to replace that old refrigerator and noisy washing machine? If it is, El Paso Electric encourages you to take advantage of the second-annual **Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday weekend**, which runs **May 23-25**.

Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy-efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label.

The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday applies only to the following appliances and household equipment:

- air conditioners priced less than \$6,000,
- refrigerators priced less than \$2,000,
- ceiling fans,
- clothes washers,
- light bulbs,
- dishwashers,
- programmable thermostats

For information on how much that old appliance is costing you and how much money and energy you can save with a new appliance, visit El Paso Electric's website, www.epelectric.com, click on Energy Efficiency and select the Appliance Calculator. More information about the Energy Star Tax Holiday is available on the Texas Comptroller's website, http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1331.