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Put a freeze on your energy bill

With energy prices rising by 1.5% on 1 July, Fridge Buyback's rebate increase to \$25 per appliance couldn't have come at a better time!

City of Ryde Council has partnered with Fridge Buyback, the residential energy efficiency program, since 2006 and in that time residents have save \$426,600 and prevented 11,452 tonnes of greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere.

Fridge Buyback's professional removalists will collect, degas and recycle your energy guzzling second fridge or freezer. And as long as the removal does not involve going up or down more than six stairs, you will receive a \$25 rebate too.

City of Ryde Mayor Jerome Laxale said: "Many households use an old fridge as a spare without realizing how expensive it is to run. Old fridges and freezers are some of the biggest energy users in the home, consuming up to three times the energy of new appliances and costing an average of \$300 a year to operate."

Consider these five reasons why it's no longer cool to hang onto your spare fridge.

- They tend to be older models, and so much less efficient than new fridges and freezers, using more power and creating extra greenhouse gases.
- Second fridges also tend to be kept in out of the way places such as garages, which are not insulated, making it even harder for the fridge to work efficiently in summer.
- An additional fridge is often only partially filled. A full fridge runs more effectively. Second fridges and freezers are usually kept switched on 24/7, adding to energy and environment costs.
- Prepare to pay around \$300 a year in additional power bills to run that extra fridge.

If you're interested in turning off your second fridge or upright freezer for good, Fridge Buyback will collect, degas and recycle your appliance for free - and you may be eligible for a \$25 rebate. Fridge Buyback has regular collections every few week. Ring 1800 708 401 to book, or see fridgebuyback.com.au for details.

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