

## KPU Electric Division Conservation Tip #15

# Refrigerator & Freezer Purchasing Tips That Can Save You Money!!!

In most households, the refrigerator is the single biggest energy consuming kitchen appliance. Replacing a refrigerator bought in 1990 with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model would save enough energy to light the average household for nearly four months. If you are about to purchase a new refrigerator or freezer, consider the following:

- \* Ask for an ENERGY STAR model.
- \* Check the yellow EnergyGuide label to determine how much energy is used to operate the model.
- \* Purchase an appropriate-sized refrigerator or freezer model for your needs.
- \* Consider buying a refrigerator model with a top freezer.
- \* Consider doing without an ice-maker and dispenser.
- \* Look for a refrigerator with automatic moisture control.
- \* Manual defrost models use half the energy of automatic defrost models

