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Memorandum

To: All Housing Providers
From: Mary Menzies
Director of Housing Services
Date: July 4, 2011
Re: Energy Efficiency and Refrigerators

Under Ontario Regulation 394/10 of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, housing providers that supply a refrigerator for a unit must now give tenants the best information it has regarding the date of manufacture and energy efficiency of the refrigerator. This applies only to tenants who pay directly for the electricity costs of their unit.

Housing providers subject to the RTA must also provide the following information to incoming tenants who will be paying the electricity costs for their units:

- the electricity costs for the unit for the last 12 months as indicated by the suite meter provider
- the age and energy efficiency of the refrigerator.

In addition, there are new restrictions about the age of the refrigerator that can be supplied by a housing provider where the tenant pays electricity costs.

- If the tenant started paying for electricity after October 13, 2010, the refrigerator in their unit must have been manufactured on or after January 1, 1994.
- If a tenant paid for electricity costs on or before October 13, 2010, the housing provider has until January 1, 2013 to ensure that the refrigerator in the unit has been manufactured on or after January 1, 1994.
- All replacement refrigerators must have been manufactured on or after December 31, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Co-ordinator.

Mary Menzies
Director of Housing Services

cc. Joanne Cermak, Director of Financial Services