# Selecting Energy Star Appliances

This playbook outlines the steps to select appliances with Energy Star ratings, aiming to increase energy efficiency within a household. The process involves understanding Energy Star ratings, comparing appliances, and making informed purchasing decisions.

### Step 1: Understand Ratings

Learn about Energy Star ratings by visiting the Energy Star website. Understand the criteria for certification and how energy efficiency is measured for different types of appliances.

### Step 2: Assess Needs

Evaluate your home's appliance needs. Consider the types of appliances you require, their desired features, and how frequently they will be used.

### Step 3: Research Options

Investigate available Energy Star certified appliances. Read product reviews, compare energy savings, and check consumer ratings for performance and reliability.

### Step 4: Compare Costs

Calculate the long-term savings of Energy Star appliances by comparing their upfront costs against projected energy savings over time.

### Step 5: Check Incentives

Look for rebates, tax credits, or incentives offered by manufacturers, retailers, or government entities for purchasing Energy Star certified appliances.

### Step 6: Purchase

Once a suitable Energy Star appliance is selected, proceed to purchase. Ensure proper installation and verify that the Energy Star label is present on the appliance.

## General Notes

### Disposal

Consider environmentally responsible methods for disposing of old appliances, such as recycling programs or donation.

### Maintenance

Regularly maintain your new Energy Star appliances according to the manufacturer's guidelines to ensure they continue to operate efficiently.