

Legal Notice

If you purchased, acquired, or received as a gift a new Whirlpool, Kenmore, or Maytag front-loading washing machine manufactured between 2001 and 2010, you may be entitled to cash or other compensation as part of a class action settlement.

A settlement has been reached with Whirlpool Corporation ("Whirlpool") and Sears, Roebuck and Co. ("Sears") (together, "Defendants") in several class action lawsuits claiming that certain front-loading washing machines manufactured between 2001 and 2010 fail to adequately self-clean themselves of laundry residue, resulting in mold or mildew buildup that can cause bad odors and ruined laundry. Defendants deny they did anything wrong. You can visit www.WasherSettlement.com to see a complete list of the washer models that are included in the settlement, referred to as the "Class Washers."

WHO IS INCLUDED? The settlement includes all residents of the United States and its territories who: (a) purchased a new Class Washer; (b) acquired a new Class Washer as part of a purchase or remodel of a home; or (c) received a new Class Washer as a gift.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE? All members of the settlement class are eligible to receive a 5% cash rebate off the purchase of certain new Whirlpool- manufactured washers and dryers. Further, members of the settlement class who experienced persistent (that is, more than one time) bad odors and/or mold growth problems inside their Washers within five years after purchasing the Washer are eligible to instead make a claim for one of three enhanced benefits: (a) a \$50 cash payment; (b) a 20% cash rebate off the purchase of certain new Whirlpool-manufactured washers or dryers; or (c) cash reimbursement, up to \$500, for documented out-of-pocket costs to service or replace a Class Washer due to persistent bad odors or mold growth problems. To be eligible for any benefit, you must submit a Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator online at www.WasherSettlement.com or by mail to the Settlement Administrator's address listed below postmarked **no later than October 11, 2016**. Class members who do not meet the requirements in the Claim Form are not eligible for compensation.

IMPORTANT: Some Class Members are prequalified for settlement payments based on Whirlpool's or Sears' customer records. Prequalified class members are automatically eligible to receive either a \$50 cash payment or a 20% cash rebate. Prequalified class members may choose to claim a cash reimbursement payment, up to \$500, for documented out-of-pocket expenses to service or replace a Class Washer due to mold or odor problems.

HOW DO YOU ASK FOR A PAYMENT OR REBATE IF YOU QUALIFY? Go to www.WasherSettlement.com and file a claim online or download, print, complete, and mail a Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms also are available by calling 1-844-824-5781. You must complete and submit a Claim Form with any required documents by **October 11, 2016**.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS: If you do nothing, your rights will be affected and you will not receive a settlement payment. If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself from it. The deadline to exclude yourself is **August 9, 2016**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will give up any right to sue Whirlpool or Sears for the legal and factual issues that this settlement resolves. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a payment from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement (*i.e.*, do not exclude yourself), you may object to the settlement or Class Counsel's fees by **August 9, 2016**. More information can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions document and Settlement Agreement, which are available at www.WasherSettlement.com.

THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING: The U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, located at 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, will hold a hearing in this case (*In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation*) on **September 7, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. EST** in Courtroom 15B. At the fairness hearing the Court will decide whether to approve: (1) the settlement; (2) Class Counsel's request for attorney fees up to \$7,450,000 and for reimbursement of litigation expenses up to \$7,300,000; and (3) service awards of up to \$4,000 to each of the Class Representatives. If approved, these fees, expenses, and awards will be paid separately by Whirlpool and will not reduce the amount of money available to Class Members. You may appear at the hearing, but you do not have to. You also may hire your own attorney, at your own expense, to appear or speak for you at the hearing.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? Call, go to the website, or write to *In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washers Settlement*, 1801 Market Street, Suite 660, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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