

National Consumer Protection Week



March 3 - 9, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) participated in the 15th Annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), a nationwide consumer education campaign to empower consumers to make more informed decisions.

The PSC kicked off NCPW by showing consumers how to **Love Saving Energy** by making wise energy choices at the Mays-Munroe appliance store on Tuesday, February 26, in Tallahassee. PSC Chairman Ronald A. Brisé, State Representative Alan B. Williams, and Leon County Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley, shared energy saving practices and conservation tips to help consumers keep energy costs down. Mike Munroe, owner of Mays-Munroe, demonstrated the energy efficiencies of an ENERGY STAR refrigerator, dishwasher, and range, and showed consumers how ENERGY STAR appliances save customers money and help the environment.



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For more information on consumer decisions and related topics, visit: <http://www.ncpw.gov/consumer-topics>.

Brenda Buchan, with the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, also headed the Florida Office of Energy federal appliance rebate program. "The EPA started the ENERGY STAR label as a voluntary program to reduce energy use," Buchan said, "and to make it easy for consumers to identify and purchase energy-efficient products that offer savings on energy bills without sacrificing performance, features, and comfort." Many Florida cities have joined the effort to promote energy efficiency and conservation by creating or extending ENERGY STAR appliance rebate programs. Check with your utility provider to see if you qualify for any rebate programs.

During NCPW, the PSC held events throughout Florida, showing consumers how to reduce utility bills through energy and water conservation. Consumers that qualified, also signed up for the Lifeline Assistance telephone discount program. PSC staff made presentations to consumers in Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Orlando, Kissimmee, Sanford, and Belle Glade.

