



## New Year, New Laws

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Every year, we get new laws and this year there are a few good ones that should help raise the energy efficiency of new buildings and large appliances in rental apartments.

From the [NY Daily News](#)

JUICE SAVER: New appliances purchased for rental apartments have to be Energy Star certified, potentially reducing utility payments for tenants. The federal Environmental Protection Agency certifies certain appliances as energy-efficient.

EASY BEING GREEN: New city construction projects must be built according to environmentally sound principles. The edict will affect about \$12 billion in construction over a 10-year period. The law is intended to reduce pollution and to cut costs in city-owned buildings by using energy more efficiently.

Write a letter to your [council person](#) and thank them for these laws and ask for more like these.



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