

## Which appliance should you choose to buy?

### Energy efficiency

Standards for appliances do not indicate a preferred brand or type of appliance. However, for all appliances the person purchasing should select the most efficient, as measured by having one of the following labels:

There are a few types of labels out there:

- EU Label (which looks like a DEC), we're looking for appliances in the A range (A, A+, A++, A+++)
- Energy efficiency recommended label (run by the Energy Saving Trust), no levels just the presence of the label acting as a certification of efficiency
- Energy Star<sup>®</sup> generally applies to IT and office products
- Found another label and not sure what it means? Contact the Sustainability Team

### Cost vs lifetime

Once you have applied the energy criteria you may have a few candidates left, at this point cost is probably your next concern. Balance the cost against the expected lifetime of the product and any guarantee periods.

For example, product A has a lower cost with a 1-year guarantee; product B is only a bit more but with a 2-year guarantee. You are probably getting better value for money with product B. You will have to make a judgement in each case. Please send copies of evidence to the Sustainability Team, as we are regularly audited on this.

### End of life of product

If you are putting in a large order, i.e. 200 kettles it is worth thinking about how you will dispose of a) the old items (if you still have them) b) the new ones once they end their life. For most electronics it is possible to organise a swap (old for new) as part of the product price.

Please note it is illegal to place any items that use energy to work into a regular bin. This waste must be segregated. See the LSE Sustainability website for more information.