



Appliance Depot Strengthens Appliance Recycling Services Amid Growing Twin Cities Environmental Focus

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Appliance Depot continues to operate a comprehensive recycling program for household appliances and electronics as part of its longstanding commitment to reducing landfill waste in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The family-owned retailer, which has provided these services since 1988 through its affiliated J.R.'s Appliance Disposal operation, accepts a wide variety of items from residents seeking responsible disposal options.

The recycling initiative covers numerous categories, including refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, and microwaves. It also extends to electronics such as televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones, and batteries of various types. Additional accepted items range from lawn mowers and snow blowers to fluorescent bulbs, power tools, and propane tanks, offering a broad solution for homeowners and property managers clearing out old equipment.

Customers can drop off items directly at the Inver Grove Heights location or arrange for pickup services throughout the Twin Cities region. This flexibility supports convenient access for residents in St. Paul,

Minneapolis, and surrounding suburbs. Small service fees apply for individual items, with special pricing available for larger quantities, reflecting the operational costs of proper handling and processing.

Ronald Zeien, owner of Appliance Depot, stated, "We started the recycling side of our business in 1988 when the EPA began pushing harder against household items going into traditional landfills. It's grown significantly as public awareness has increased, and we're proud to continue offering these services as part of our family business."

A company representative added that seasonal patterns influence volume, with higher numbers of air conditioners in summer and furnaces in winter, alongside steady year-round electronics and appliance inflows. The program emphasizes refurbishing usable parts where possible and diverting materials from landfills through responsible processing.

This recycling effort complements Appliance Depot's core operations as a retailer of new, used, and scratch-and-dent appliances, along with an extensive selection of appliance parts. The business model supports a circular approach by salvaging functional components from incoming units for reuse in repairs, extending product lifespans, and providing affordable options for customers.

Appliance Depot has operated as a family-owned enterprise since 1955, founded by the father of the current owners. Ronald Zeien and several siblings now lead the company, with the next generation also involved. The showroom and operations at 8980 Jefferson Trail W. in Inver Grove Heights have served the area since 1978. The retailer maintains a reputation for honest guidance, often helping customers repair existing appliances with parts rather than replacing entire units.

The recycling services align with broader community trends toward sustainability in Minnesota. By providing accessible drop-off and pickup options six days a week, Appliance Depot supports residents in making environmentally conscious decisions. The affiliated J.R.'s Advanced Recyclers facility handles commercial-scale processing, ensuring compliance with relevant regulations for refrigerant recovery, metal separation, and safe electronics handling.

Staff expertise plays a key role in the process. Technicians evaluate incoming items to determine refurbishment potential versus full recycling, maximizing resource recovery. This hands-on approach draws from decades of experience in appliance repair and parts distribution, allowing the business to bridge sales, service, and disposal under one locally owned operation.

As Minnesota households continue upgrading appliances for energy efficiency or replacing failed units, the recycling program offers a practical outlet that prevents illegal dumping or improper disposal. Appliance Depot's dual role as both seller and recycler positions it as a complete resource for appliance lifecycle

management in the region.

The company's longstanding presence has earned recognition as a Nextdoor Neighborhood Favorite in recent years, reflecting customer appreciation for reliable service across sales, parts, repairs, and recycling. This integrated model helps differentiate the family business from larger chain retailers while addressing real community needs around responsible consumption and waste reduction.

Appliance Depot remains committed to adapting its services as environmental priorities evolve. The recycling program stands as a core element of that mission, supporting Twin Cities residents in managing appliance-related waste responsibly while the company continues its primary focus on providing quality appliances and parts to local households.

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Appliance Depot is a family owned appliance retailer serving homeowners since 1955. We offer a wide selection of new, used and scratch and dent appliances backed by dependable service and helpful customer support.

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