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Appliance Depot Celebrates Multi-Generation Family Ownership Serving Twin Cities Since 1955

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Appliance Depot continues its operations as a multi-generation family-owned business providing appliances and related services to residents across the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Founded in 1955, the company has evolved while maintaining its core emphasis on knowledgeable customer assistance and practical solutions for household appliance needs.

The business remains under the leadership of the Zeien family, with Ronald Zeien and several of his siblings actively involved in daily management. The next generation has also joined the team, ensuring continuity of the hands-on approach that has defined the retailer for more than seven decades. This family involvement began with the founding generation and has supported consistent service through periods of industry change and competition from larger retailers.

The showroom at 8980 Jefferson Trail W. in Inver Grove Heights has served as the primary location since 1978. Customers visit to view new, used, and scratch-and-dent appliances in person, along with an extensive selection of appliance parts in various conditions. Staff members, many of whom started by learning the products through cleaning and basic maintenance tasks, draw on this foundational experience to offer

guidance tailored to individual situations.

Ronald Zeien, owner of Appliance Depot, stated, "It really is a true family business. Our dad started it, and we run it. The next generation is working here now too."

A company representative noted that this structure allows for personalized attention that larger operations often struggle to provide. Staff can spend time discussing options with customers, helping them evaluate whether a repair using available parts makes more sense than a full replacement, based on the specific appliance and circumstances.

Appliance Depot stocks new appliances from established brands and maintains inventory across major categories including refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and specialized items. The business also supports off-grid and outdoor cooking solutions, reflecting adaptations to varied customer lifestyles in the region. An affiliated recycling operation through J.R.'s Appliance Disposal handles end-of-life items, contributing to responsible waste management practices since 1988.

This integrated model of sales, parts, service guidance, and recycling creates a complete resource for Twin Cities homeowners and property managers. The approach emphasizes honesty and practicality, such as advising on minor fixes that can extend appliance usability rather than encouraging unnecessary purchases. Such practices have fostered repeat business and community recognition, including multiple years as a Nextdoor Neighborhood Favorite.

The longstanding presence of Appliance Depot aligns with broader local values of supporting independent businesses in the Inver Grove Heights, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and surrounding areas. By remaining family-operated, the company preserves institutional knowledge about appliance functionality, common issues, and compatible components across brands and models. This expertise proves particularly valuable during seasonal demands, such as heating system preparations or laundry appliance maintenance.

Over the decades, Appliance Depot has adapted its offerings while upholding the original mission of accessible appliance solutions. The physical showroom environment encourages customers to browse and compare options without pressure, supplemented by staff availability for questions. This combination of selection and support differentiates the business in a market increasingly dominated by standardized big-box experiences.

As Appliance Depot marks its ongoing legacy, the focus remains on serving current and future generations of Twin Cities residents. The family ownership structure supports long-term decision-making that prioritizes customer outcomes over short-term transactions. Continued involvement of multiple family members ensures that the business retains its personal character while addressing modern appliance needs in Minnesota.

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Appliance Depot's history demonstrates resilience and community integration. From its origins in parts and service to its current comprehensive offerings, the retailer has positioned itself as a reliable local partner for appliance-related matters. This foundation of family stewardship and practical expertise continues to guide operations into the future.

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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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