



Whirlpool Corporation Highlights Significantly Reduced Emissions, Improved Product Efficiency in 2018 Corporate Sustainability Report

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Report details Whirlpool Corporation's industry-leading product emissions tracking system, greenhouse gas reduction in its manufacturing facilities

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 16, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Whirlpool Corporation released its 2018 Corporate Sustainability Report, highlighting the company's progress and accomplishments in the 2018 operational year, with particularly strong results in its efforts to reduce the amount of natural resources required in manufacturing its appliances. Whirlpool Corporation's sustainability agenda encompasses stakeholder engagement, executive accountability and science-based methodology to focus on actions that drive absolute and positive environmental and social impact.

"In 2018, we continued to reduce the amount of water and energy used by our products, accelerated our progress toward the goal of zero waste to landfill across the enterprise, and maintained strong connections in our communities through social responsibility and volunteerism," said Marc Bitzer, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Whirlpool Corporation. "2019 marks nearly 50 years of Whirlpool Corporation's commitment to sustainability, and we're proud that our experience and results prove that sound corporate citizenship and environmental performance are good business."

Milestones and progress outlined in the 2018 Corporate Sustainability Report Summary include:

Sustainable Plants

- **World Class Manufacturing:** This program brings a strong focus to the environmental and energy usage in Whirlpool Corporation's manufacturing facilities. Through the program, the company addresses, prioritizes and tracks efficiency improvements, helping contribute to a greenhouse gas emissions **reduction of seven percent from 2017 to 2018 in Whirlpool plants**. That seven percent is the equivalent of emissions from nearly 10,000 homes' electricity use for one year.
- **Zero Waste to Landfill:** Throughout Whirlpool's operations, progress has accelerated toward the goal of zero

waste to landfill across the enterprise, with **eight manufacturing facilities** in multiple regions already achieving **zero-waste status. 2,128 tons of waste were diverted from landfills** in 2018.

Sustainable Products

- **Global Emissions Management System:** To improve transparency about product emissions, Whirlpool has developed a **new global emissions management system**. The system determines a global footprint for the company's products, unifying over 12 unique systems into one global reporting capability. This system will track data from a baseline year of 2016, greatly improving the ability to act strategically to lower the footprint of the company's product portfolio. The significantly improved system will lead to the potential for improved science-based goal setting in 2019.
- **Resource Efficiency:** Whirlpool's emphasis on resource efficiency has led the company to **develop design-for-environment tools** to deliver more sustainable products that use more recycled content. These capabilities will help fulfill the commitment to use 100 percent recycled content on major plastic components in Whirlpool-made European products by 2025, as well as to use a majority of recycled-content steel.

Sustainable Practices

- **Water Reduction:** Whirlpool's collective work, improved processes, and technology have resulted in a **reduction in water consumption of nearly 10 percent from 2017 to 2018** in the company's manufacturing facilities. That's enough to run 56 million dishwasher loads, 14 million loads of laundry, or fill 240 Olympic swimming pools.
- **Investing in Communities:** For two decades, Whirlpool has partnered with Habitat for Humanity, with total cash and in-kind donations totaling **more than \$107 million and over 197,300 ranges and refrigerators to new Habitat homes in the U.S. and Canada**.
- **Volunteerism:** In 2018, Whirlpool employees contributed **268,000 volunteer hours**.

"At Whirlpool Corporation, we think of sustainability as an investment and responsibility to all our stakeholders, from consumers, to employees, to the planet," said Ron Voglewede, Whirlpool's director of global sustainability. "Our employees take that responsibility seriously and played an enormous role in creating more sustainable products and facilities in 2018."

For more information on Whirlpool Corporation's public sustainability commitments, priorities and progress, visit:

<http://assets.whirlpoolcorp.com/files/Whirlpool-Corporation-2018-Sustainability-Report.pdf>

About Whirlpool Corporation

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