

# Recipes for Success Flip Your Fridge and Appliance Promotions



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# **Seizing the Early Replacement Opportunity**

- Increased consumer motivation to reinvest in kitchen upgrades and renovations presents attractive opportunity to meet rebounding appliance sales demand for sleek, connected and efficient refrigerators.
- 19.5 million 15yr+ refrigerators still in use throughout the U.S.
  - Mix of primary (12.4M) and secondary (7.1M)
    - Northeast: 21%; Mid-West: 27%; South: 29%; West: 22%
      - 74% are in single family detached homes
      - 70% are in households of 1 or 2 people
        - » Empty nesters and new homeowners
      - 80% are in homes that are owned vs rented
      - 63% in households with income <\$60,000

**ENERGY STAR** combined with early replacement offers a compelling consumer savings message.





### **Developing the Strategy**

**Goal:** Create a nationally coordinated, targeted promotion to prompt early replacement and increase the sale of ENERGY STAR refrigerators, while encouraging proper recycling

- Generate national momentum
- Encourage coordination among utilities, retailers and manufacturers
- Capture the attention of key consumer groups across the country

**Challenge:** Develop engaging messaging and materials and facilitate coordination between partners nationwide

Get consistent messaging and materials in stores and out to consumers

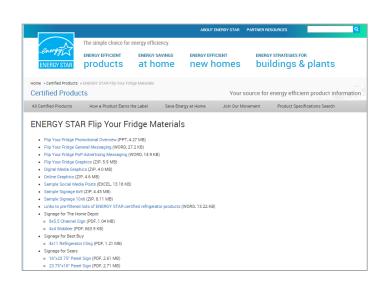




### **Executing the Plan: 2015 Flip Your Fridge**

### **Partner Support**

- Developed marketing toolkit with messaging, graphics, and co-brandable templates
  - www.energystar.gov/marketing\_materials
- Worked with ENERGY STAR retail partners to approve in-store signage options
- Coordinated with LG, Best Buy, and The Ellen DeGeneres Show to raise national awareness











### **Executing the Plan: 2015 Flip Your Fridge**

### **National ENERGY STAR Outreach**

- Promotional web page on energystar.gov
  - Featuring participating partners
- Online ads
  - AARP, The Nest, Owner IQ
- Ongoing social media
  - Earth Day Twitter Party
- Newsletters



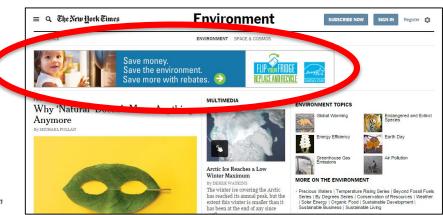


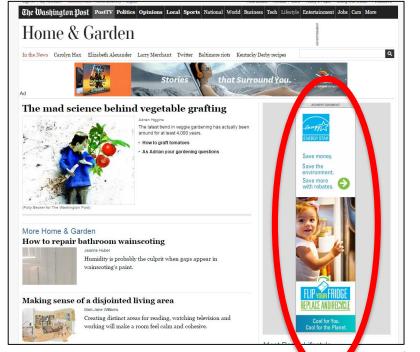


### **ENERGY STAR Channel Marketing**

- Targeted ads with OwnerIQ
- April 23 June 3, 2015
- Total impressions: 16,177,832
- Target audience: Appliance/refrigerator shoppers, wedding/engagement, movers/new homeowners/remodelers, empty nesters











### **ENERGY STAR Channel Marketing**

- AARP Online
- April 23 June 3, with 5-day goal post ad April 30 May 4
- Total impressions: 1,360,507
- Target audience: Empty nesters with middle income





### **AARP Facebook Post**

- 48,000 views
- 100 likes, 31 comments





# **ENERGY STAR Channel Marketing**

- The Nest
- April 23 June 3
- Total impressions: 1,079,491
- Target audience: Young couples who are more likely to be appliance shoppers and new home buyers





Mobile Ad



**Email Blast** 





### **Energy Efficiency Program Sponsors – Spreading the Word**





Online article, banner ads and radio ads from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program



Dayton Power & Light blog post





### **In-Store Signage Activation**



DC Sustainable Energy Utility signage in The Home Depot

Best Buy Signage from Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and East Grand Forks Water and Light









### **Social Media Activation**



Thank You for Your Support and

# **Engagement on Twitter & Facebook!**

### Partners get active on social media with #FlipYourFridge



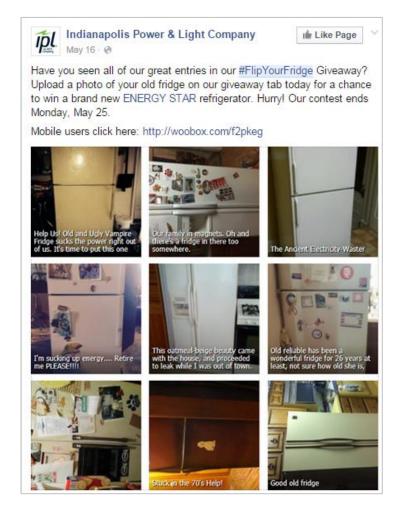
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### ENERGY STAR. The simple choice for energy efficiency.





Indianapolis Power & Light hosted its own Flip Your Fridge contest. Check out those old fridges ready to be flipped!









Speaker: Jessica Wagner, Focus on Energy





# 2015 Flip Your Fridge Highlights

- More than 35 participating ENERGY STAR partners thank you!
- 3.7 million Nielsen Audience from two episodes of The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 18 million+ impressions from online ads with click through rates above industry benchmarks
- 17,000 pageviews of energystar.gov/FlipYourFridge Earth Day Memorial Day







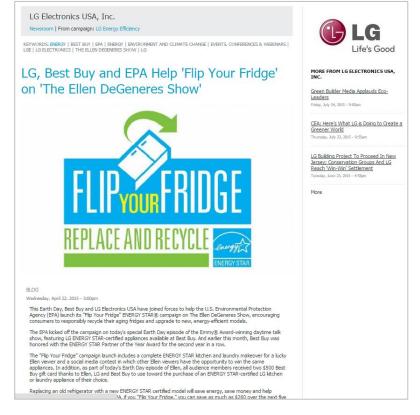


### LG and Best Buy Bring ENERGY STAR to The Ellen DeGeneres Show

- Featured on TV Episodes: April 22 and May 27
- Best Buy and LG collaborated to incorporate ENERGY STAR messaging and provide an Ellen Show fan with an ENERGY STAR appliance makeover







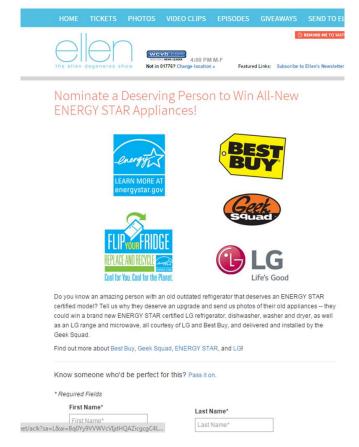




### The Ellen DeGeneres Show Hosts Online Contest

- Viewers could nominate someone to receive ENERGY STAR appliance suite courtesy
  of LG and Best Buy
- Timing: May 15 June 12









### **Building on Success: Flip Your Fridge 2016**

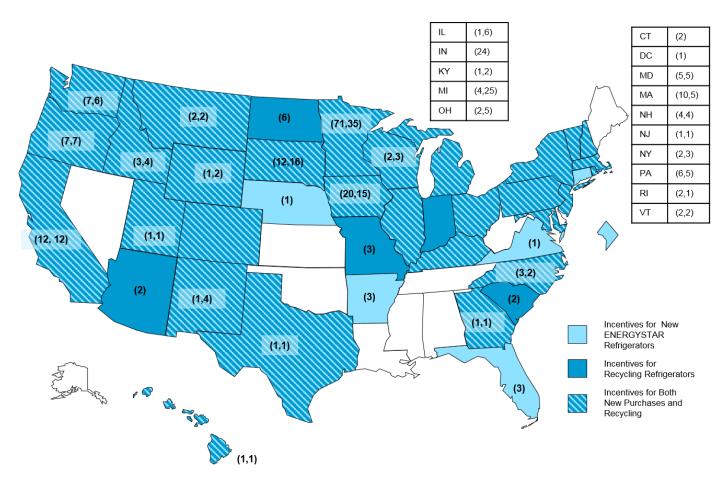
### **Lessons Learned**

- Announce promotion and distribute materials early
  - Done! Will be available online at www.energystar.gov/marketing\_materials
- Maintain consistent look and feel, add additional options
- Regular partner communications
- Success is achievable with the continued help and support from our partners:
  - Amplifying the Flip Your Fridge savings message
  - Promoting Flip Your Fridge in store and online
  - Continuing to apply feedback from partners to flawlessly carry out ENERGY STAR plans for Flip Your Fridge promotion





### Utility incentives are available for the purchase and recycling of refrigerators





Total Program Numbers Listed in Parentheses (# of New and/or # of Recycling Incentives)



### **Building on Success: Flip Your Fridge 2016**

- Timing: Earth Day: April 22, 2016 Memorial Day: May 30, 2016
- Toolkit now available
  - Retail templates
  - Suggested imagery
  - In-store Ruler Tear-pad design coming soon
  - Messaging for freezers, too coming soon
- Energystar.gov/FlipYourFridge
  - To be updated with 2016 content
  - Highlighting participating partners for 2016







FLIP TO OTHER SIDE FOR RULER.







# Speaker – Matt Baker, Marketing & Communications on behalf of LG Electronics USA





# Making the Most of Flip Your Fridge 2016

- Increase sales of ENERGY STAR certified models
  - Reinforce messaging through in-store signage and well-trained sales staff
- Highlight innovative refrigerator product lines
- Increase the proper recycling of refrigerators
  - Improve coordination between retailers and utilities around recycling





### **Are You Participating? Let us know!**

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