# WISCONSIN'S PARTICIPATION IN FLIP YOUR FRIDGE CAMPAIGN

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### **OVERVIEW**

- Wisconsin offers \$40 incentive for pickup of working fridge or freezer
- Earned media efforts
- Home Depot
- Social media
- Results
- Time & Costs



## APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- JACO Environmental Program Implementer
- Pick up working fridges and freezers 10-30 cu ft.
- \$40 incentive per unit/\$80 max per year







# EARNED MEDIA

- Developed intensive earned media outreach plan in three major metros – Green Bay, Madison & Milwaukee
- Press kit developed
  - Press release
  - Graphics
  - Ad
  - Flyer



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# EARNED MEDIA HITS

Newspaper/Print

- 39 weeklies
- 11 dailies

#### TV/Radio

- 2 radio interviews
- 3 TV interviews

WEAU-TV (Eau Claire): http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Recycle-a-fridge-or-freezer-with-Focuson-Energy-299220841.html
Post-Crescent (Appleton): http://www.postcrescent.com/story/money/2015/04/20/incentive-offeredreplace-fridges-freezers/26097031/
WI Radio Network (statewide): http://www.wrn.com/2015/04/earth-day-spring-cleaning-helpsenvironment/
Fox 6 (Milwaukee): http://fox6now.com/2015/04/24/flip-your-fridge-program-encourages-people-torecycle-outdated-refrigerators/
NBC 15 (Madison): http://www.nbc15.com/home/headlines/Focus-on-Energy-encouragingrefrigerator-recycling-303729601.html
The Northwestern (Oshkosh): http://www.thenorthwestern.com/story/news/local/2015/05/16/flipfridge-campaign-encourages-recycling-fridgefreezer/27441567/



## HOME DEPOT

- Signage and tear pads placed in every Home Depot in Wisconsin (courtesy of our Retail Lighting program's coordination)
- Used templates created by ENERGY STAR
- 27 stores in WI





#### SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
  - 10 posts
  - 340 likes
  - 42 shares
  - 19,242 people reached



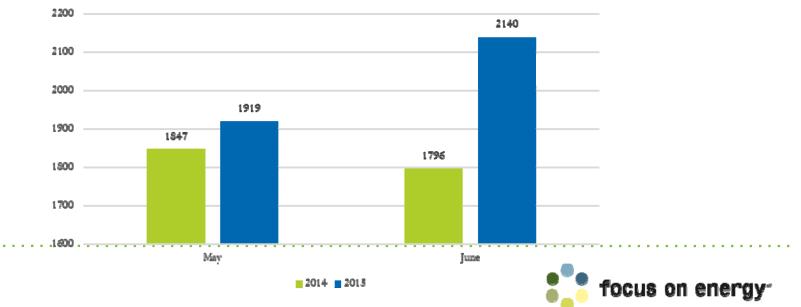
- Twitter
  - 10 tweets
  - 8 retweets
  - 5 favorites
  - 5,903 organic impressions





#### **RESULTS: CALL VOLUME INCREASE**

- Increased call volume by 3x from week prior to campaign starting
- Scheduled orders and units picked up increased for May and June over 2014

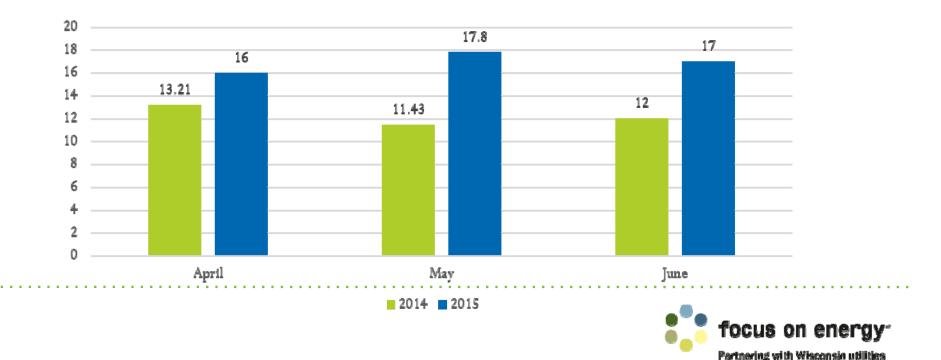


Units Picked Up

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#### **RESULTS: HOW HEARD = RETAILER**

• In asking customers how they heard about the program, the amount that answered 'retailer' increased over the previous year.



# TIME & COSTS

- Printing costs for Home Depot signage: \$58
- Marketing implementation: 80 hours
  - Planning
  - Writing
  - Graphic design
  - Printing/Home Depot coordination
  - Social media development/implementation
  - Radio and TV interviews
- Earned media/press outreach: 25 hours
  - Planning
  - Creating press kit
  - Reaching out to newspapers and magazines
  - Reaching out to TV



# **QUESTIONS?**

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