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Subject: Re: Renovator magazine article information

Hi Brigitte,

Please see the responses below to your inquiry. I'm sending these along for my colleague Enesta Jones. Thank you for your patience.

All responses attributable to an EPA spokesperson.

Thanks

Q: What aspects of the EPA Responsible Appliance Disposal Program are important for renovators to know?

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) program is a partnership to protect the ozone layer, cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reduce release of other harmful substances, save landfill space, and benefit communities.
- Renovation company partners could potentially have a large impact on the RAD program by ensuring appliances recovered from job sites are recycled utilizing best environmental practices.
- Partners in EPA's RAD program commit to collecting used refrigerated appliances (such as a refrigerator, freezer, window air-conditioning unit, or dehumidifier) and recycling them using best environmental practices that exceed those required by law. These include:
 - o Recovery of appliance foam, which may contain ozone-depleting substances and greenhouse gases. Foam recovery is not required by law, but RAD partners agree to go beyond what's required and remove insulating foam.
 - o Recovery of refrigerants, used oil, mercury and PCBs in compliance with laws
 - o Promotion of recycling of all durable goods
 - o Saving energy by removing inefficient units off the grid
- Benefits of joining the RAD program include:
 - o Partners are recognized by EPA and gain access to the EPA RAD program identifier
 - o RAD helps partners achieve and track environmental benefits, which enables partners to benchmark their commitments and show progress over time
 - o RAD provides partners with a variety of tools and resources related to responsible appliance disposal
 - o RAD provides partners with access to a national network of like-minded organizations

RAD partners include utilities, retailers, manufacturers, and states. RAD utility partners that have multifamily appliance recycling programs have benefited from improved program cost effectiveness and lower marketing costs in their multifamily programs.

Q. What are the most common ways to dispose of appliances in a responsible manner (i.e., do more people recycle or donate, etc.)?

To ensure that appliances are recycled in a responsible manner, you can use the [Find RAD Partner Programs](#) page to find a RAD partner program near you. Most RAD partner programs will pick up your old refrigerated appliances directly. In some cases, they might even offer a financial incentive such as a reward or rebate for turning in your old units. These appliances will then be sent to a recycling facility capable of properly handling the environmentally-harmful substances contained in the units, using the best environmental practices and technologies available.

If a partner program is not currently available in your area:

- **Check with your state energy office or local electric utility.** Local utilities and energy-efficiency organizations support a growing number of refrigerator and freezer recycling programs. Some programs offer cash to recycle your old fridge; others offer utility bill credits.
- **Ask about municipal pick-up of appliances.** Your local waste management division or department of public works may offer [heavy trash](#) pick-up and recycling programs for appliances. Contact them directly for information.
- **Talk to your local scrap metal recycler.** Thousands of local scrap metal recyclers can recycle old fridges and freezers. Ask your scrap metal recycler for assurance that your old unit will be properly recycled. Learn more about [the concerns over appliance disposal today](#) to ensure responsible appliance disposal.

Appliances left curbside might be picked up by peddlers who may improperly vent refrigerant or otherwise dispose of the appliance in an unsafe manner.

Q. Are there any statistics on the amount of metal that is recycled from these appliances and how much space from landfills are saved through the EPA RAD program?

Since program inception through 2016, RAD partners have recycled over 7.1 million appliances, resulting in the avoidance of 1,173 million pounds of durable materials from landfills, including 909 million pounds of ferrous metals, 79 million pounds of non-ferrous metals, 159 million pounds of plastic, and 25 million pounds of glass.

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On Aug 14, 2017, at 4:05 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brigitte, I can help. What's your firm deadline?

On Aug 14, 2017, at 4:05 PM, Brigitte Waltermire Ex. 6 wrote:

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From: Brigette Waltermire Ex. 6
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Subject: **Renovator magazine article information**

Good afternoon,

I'm emailing about an article that I am writing for Renovator magazine. I received your information from the Dallas region 6 office and they said you would be the person to talk to. The article is about disposal of appliances, and I was hoping to possibly get information on recycling appliances and other methods of responsible disposal from a source within the EPA. Below are my questions for when you can get back with me. I've been on the EPA website that talks about all of these programs and have that information, I'm basically looking for a statement from a representative to flesh out my story as much as possible. Thank you!

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Best,
Brigette Waltermire