

# **ENERGY STAR 2017 Annual National Promotions**LAUNDRY PROMOTION

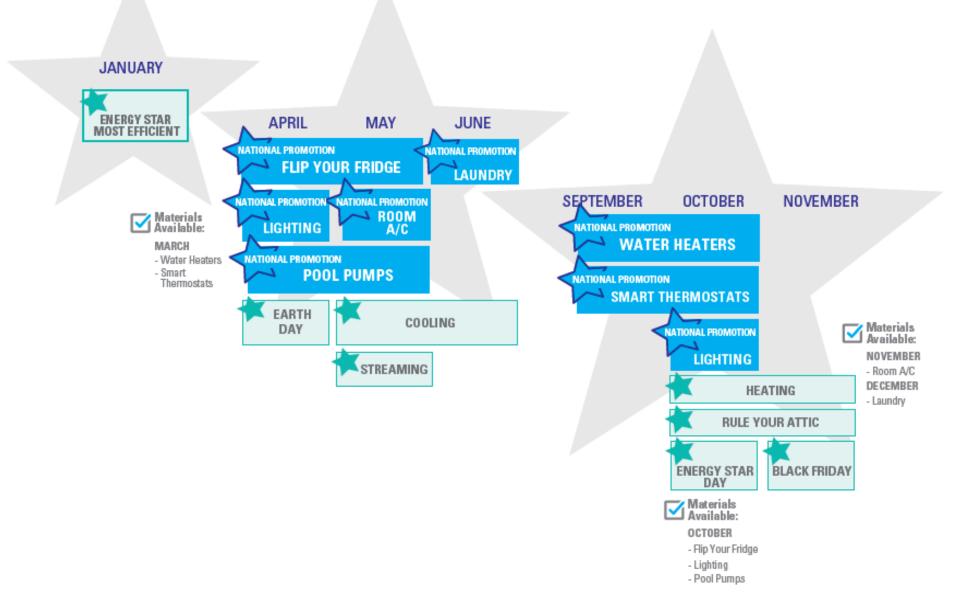






#### Annual Outreach Plan: ENERGY STAR® PRODUCTS







# **Benefits of Participating**

- Leverage ENERGY STAR's trusted brand, reputation, popularity – as well as strong network of supporting manufacturers and retailers
- Take advantage of national campaign positioning, tactics, and marketing materials (messaging and graphics) – all developed by an expert marketing, PR, and advertising team
- Benefit from a strategic, effective mix of targeted earned, owned and paid media that will drive exposure for your program among EPA ENERGY STAR's broad consumer base
  - Geo-targeted to your market when you participate
  - Driving clicks to promotional pages where your programs are featured
    - 2016 promotions received a combined 266,000+ page views







# **How to Participate**

- Simply integrate ENERGY STAR promotional messaging and graphics into your promotional tactics – and you're "IN"!
  - If you have a retail program, integrate building blocks from our promotion into your retail-facing materials
  - Promote our graphics and messaging throughout your digital platforms (online and social media)
    - NEW! Customizable "Ways to Save" Tips RSS Feed (coming soon)
  - Integrate our messaging and graphics into other tactics
    - Earned and paid media (PR, advertising, etc.)
    - Newsletters or direct mail (electronic or hard copy)
    - · Consumer events, etc.
  - Let us know how you plan to participate / share your co-branded tactics and we will include your logo and link to your program on our promotional page
  - Share post-promotion feedback / results so we can improve on our value to you
- Energystar.gov/marketing\_materials





### **NEW!** Laundry

- Introducing a comprehensive national promotion focused on promoting ENERGY STAR certified clothes washers and dryers, both individually and as a pair, to match your programs
  - Brings all partner efforts together, including you, our energy efficient program sponsors, as well as manufacturers and retailers
  - Integrates ENERGY STAR Most Efficient, as well as new technologies, such as heat pump dryers









# **Opportunity**

- ~More than 50 million non-ENERGY STAR clothes washers (25 million) and dryers (27 million) 10-years old or older in American households.\*
  - Replacing those appliances with ENERGY STAR certified models would save Americans \$3.8 billion in energy costs and prevent 12 billion lbs in carbon pollution
- In 2016, more than 130 partners offered incentives on ENERGY STAR clothes washers and/or dryers
  - 132 Washers; 90 Dryers; 79 Both
  - ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria for washers and NEW! dryers
  - Clothes washers and clothes dryers are both part of ENERGY STAR Retail Product Platform (ESRPP)
- Clothes washers have short replacement cycle, so often driving the replacement of pair
- When replacing, many customers upgrade to more sophisticated, higher-end models





# **Objective**

- Leverage the partner interest and consumer traction inherent for the laundry category – particularly now that EPA has a dryer specification – to reap the energy-saving benefits associated with ENERGY STAR
  - Help customers maximize savings by promoting ENERGY STAR certified washers and dryers
  - Further educate customers on the benefits of certified clothes dryers, especially heat pump dryers
- Promote a value proposition for ENERGY STAR laundry that will resonate with an important, large and growing consumer segment
  - Performance value
  - Money-savings value
    - Energy savings
    - Rebate savings
  - Environmental benefits







#### **Audience Insights**

- Laundry responsibility increasingly becoming shared
- Males doing a larger percentage of laundry chores, particularly among the younger generations
  - 67% of men age 18 to 34 say they are "mainly responsible for the laundry";
    44% said they were responsible in 2013
  - Nearly 60% of men age 35 to 54 are doing laundry
- New homeowners, often purchasing laundry equipment for the first time, are younger, more tech-savvy







#### **Purchase Behavior**

- Decision to buy new washer/dryer commonly linked to equipment failure or worsening performance
  - 79% equipment failure; 29% signs of age; 23% desire for new functions/features
- Usually know what they want by the time they get instore
  - Use multiple sources to research products friends/family, repair technicians, ratings from other consumers, independent consumer orgs and general internet searches
- Buyers look for:
  - Performance and capacity
  - Energy efficiency (saving money)
  - Other features (wi-fi-enabled, specialty cleaning/drying cycles)
- Most consumers equate energy efficiency with ENERGY STAR
  - ENERGY STAR dryers are top choice for consumers citing value and energy savings as reasons in their decision





### **Target Audience**

- Moms and Dads of Young Children – with emphasis on Dads
  - Young families have a lot of laundry!
  - New parents tend to care more about the environment – impacts on their children
  - Rise of men doing laundry is compelling hook
  - Compliments manufacturers / retailer focus







### **Campaign Concept**

- Position ENERGY STAR as the obvious choice to replace your old washer and/or dryer because ENERGY STAR is better
  - Better for you and your family, better for your clothes, better for the environment



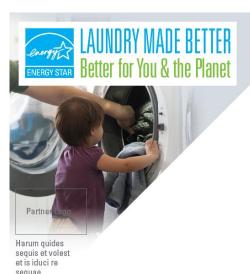




### **Campaign Execution**

- Positioning:
  - Laundry will be better and you will be better at laundry with an ENERGY STAR certified clothes washer and dryer
- Proposed Elements:
  - In-store POP
    - Pre-approved templates
    - ESRPP Coordinated
  - Media outreach featuring "viral" video
    - Boost through social media
    - Advertise online
    - Work with partners to promote
    - Establish influencer partnerships to distribute









#### **Campaign Execution**

- Proposed Elements, Cont'd:
  - Manufacturer co-promotion idea:
    - SuperSTAR Dad Contest timed with Father's Day:
      - Sweeps sponsored by one or more of our manufacturers inviting Dads to submit why they should be considered a Superstar Dad for Father's Day
      - Prize = ENERGY STAR certified laundry pair from participating manufacturer(s).
- Timing:
  - First push in June July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend to leverage summer seasonality of clothes washers, 4<sup>th</sup> of July sales and Father's Day
  - Second push February, 2018 to leverage Presidents Day sales





#### **Creative Execution**

- Creative concept leverages insight that men/dads are doing more of the laundry
- Before / After scenario where "average new dad" is transformed into "superstar dad" (looking energetic, organized / neat, and inspired) all because of doing laundry with an ENERGY STAR clothes washer and dryer
- Emphasize that ENERGY STAR makes everything better:
  - Laundry performance
  - Environment
  - Parenthood







# **Proposed Media Mix**

#### **Influencer Partnerships**

- Mom influencers: Motherly, MommyShorts, The Bump
- Dad influencers: Fatherly, How to be a Dad, Dad or Alive
- Engage followers in discussion who does the laundry in your family? Did it change once they started a family, etc.?

#### **Targeted Digital Advertising**

- Google Display Network
- Facebook
- YuMe ad network (video)
- Advertorial/native content

















#### **ENERGY STAR Most Efficient & Laundry**

- Consider ENERGY STAR Most Efficient (ESME) programs for laundry
  - ESME Clothes Washers: 2017 levels compared to the Federal minimum
    - 33% energy savings
    - 32% water savings
  - NEW! ESME for Dryers: 2017 levels compared to the Federal minimum
    - 28% energy-savings for standard-sized electric models
    - 30% energy-savings for compact models
    - 25% energy-savings for gas models





#### 2017 ENERGY STAR Most Efficient Promotion

- 2017 is the year to take ENERGY STAR Most Efficient to the next level with consumers
  - From geo-targeted marketing in active, Super Greenie markets...
  - ...To broad sweeping education among green-leaning consumers (based on buying profile and interests) across the country to incent action and advocacy
    - Leverage Facebook proprietary database of user demographics, behaviors and interests for customer segmentation
    - Drive traffic to energystar.gov/mostefficient with specific product and retail location information
    - January, 2017







#### Thank you!

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