

Fact Sheet: GE Appliances in Louisville

GE Appliances, led by President and CEO Chip Blankenship, is a \$5 billion business headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. GE Appliances is at the forefront of building innovative, energy-efficient appliances that improve people's lives. GE Appliances employs 12,000 people.

Louisville Employees

- Employs more than 6,000 people; 3,700 are hourly manufacturing employees
- Payroll is \$340 million, annually

"Greening" the Campus

- **Clean heat:** Appliance Park uses a combination of natural gas and methane gas harvested from local landfills to generate power and heat.
- **Point-of-use boilers:** The point-of-use steam heating project saves 493,920 kWh per year and avoids 2,108,774 pounds per year of carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of planting 95,686 trees.
- **Relamping:** Replacing bulbs with energy-efficient alternatives saves 5,524,302 kWh per year and avoids 8,507,425 pounds per year of carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of planting 386,030 trees.
- **Reducing emissions:** Appliance Park uses cyclopentane for bottom-freezer refrigerator manufacturing, which reduces average annual CO₂e emissions of the foam-insulating process by more than 99 percent, compared to the foam-blowing agent used previously in top-freezer refrigerator manufacturing at Appliance Park.

Timeline and Milestones

- 1951** Groundbreaking and construction starts
- 1953** The first appliances – automatic dryers – are shipped from Appliance Park
- 1954** The first refrigerators completed at the Park rolled off the line
- 1957** Two-millionth laundry appliance was produced at Appliance Park
- 1971** GE completed the Applied Research and Design Center at Appliance Park
- 1974** The twenty-millionth refrigerator leaves Appliance Park
- 1993** GE launches the "Save the Park" initiative
- 2009** Company announces hybrid water heaters, front-load washers and dryers to be built at the Park, the first in what would become a \$1 billion investment
- 2010** Company announces an investment to establish a Center of Excellence for bottom-freezer refrigerators, a new product platform for Appliance Park
- 2011** GE unveils Platinum LEED®-certified data center, a sustainable investment supporting global business growth
- 2012** GE opens a new \$38 million manufacturing plant in Louisville, the first in the Park since 1957. Workers at the factory will make highly energy-efficient GeoSpring hybrid water heaters
- 2012** Grand opening of a \$250 million bottom-freezer refrigeration factory

- 2012** Production begins on new dishwasher and high-efficiency topload washers
- 2013** Production begins on new frontload washer and dryer
- 2013** GE and FirstBuild collaborate to build first micro-factory
- 2015** GE and Keurig partner to build first built-in, single-serve brewing system in the refrigerator

Facts about Appliance Park Headquarters

- The campus sits on 900 acres
- Each of Appliance Park's six manufacturing buildings is large enough to enclose 15 football fields
- The Park has its own zip code: 40225

Product inventions from Appliance Park (and many more!)

- Self-cleaning oven
- Portable dishwasher
- Refrigerator ice and water dispenser
- Portable air conditioner (Carry Cool)
- "Spacemaker" microwave oven
- Advantium™ speedcook oven
- First topload washer with SmartDispense™
- First refrigerator with a hot water dispenser

2014 Community Involvement

GE Appliances' inclusive community engagement strategy is aimed at improving the communities where we live and work by tying together contributions, product donations, board memberships, GE volunteer projects and other resources for the greatest impact.

2014 Highlights

- Over **2,200** GE Volunteers participated in over **175** different volunteer projects in several GE communities logging **14,000+** volunteer hours.
- Instrumental in the creation of Greater Louisville FAME, a coalition of industry partners working together to ensure we have a skilled workforce. For more information, visit www.kyfame.com.

Throughout Kentucky

- Total number of GE employees in Kentucky: 7,400
- Annual payroll and benefits: about \$550 million
- Lamp Plant in Lexington, Glass Plant in Somerset, aircraft engine manufacturing in Madisonville, GE Aviation Distribution Center in Erlanger and a site located in Hebron