



2018 Responsibility Report

A YEAR OF PROGRESS





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Corporate Responsibility



LIVING OUR VALUES

The Home Depot was founded on eight core values and a leadership construct that we call the inverted pyramid, which puts customers and front-line associates first. These symbols guide our actions every day, from how we treat our associates, customers and communities to how we run our operations. They are the cornerstones of our unique culture.

Throughout this *Responsibility Report*, you'll see examples of how we're living our values by offering innovative and environmentally friendly products to our customers. You'll read about how we're reducing our energy usage and driving efficiencies throughout our supply chain. And you'll learn how we're continuing our focus on diversity and inclusion to create a great place to work and shop.

A few highlights:

Diversity & Inclusion: More than 50% of our new hires were ethnically diverse, and at the time of this report's publication, we announced an updated parental leave policy that gives six weeks of 100% paid leave to all parents, plus an additional six weeks of 100% paid maternity leave to all birth mothers.

Workforce Development: In 2017, we launched a pilot trades training program for separating military members in partnership with the Home Builders Institute (HBI) to help create the next generation of skilled tradespeople. In March of this year, The Home Depot Foundation announced a \$50 million commitment to train 20,000 tradespeople over the next 10 years.

Community Support: We helped communities and associates during an unprecedented year for natural disasters. As part of the \$63 million we granted overall to support our communities in 2017, The Home Depot Foundation gave over \$4 million and volunteered thousands of hours to help communities affected by catastrophic hurricanes and wildfires. In addition, our employee-relief nonprofit, The Homer Fund, assisted more than 6,000 associates who experienced evacuations, as well as damage or loss of their homes.

Environmental: In 2017, our stores used 23.5% less electricity than in 2010. This means we surpassed our goal to reduce store energy use 20% by 2020 — and did it three years ahead of schedule.

As part of our values, we encourage our associates to be entrepreneurial, innovative and creative, and the successes you'll see in this report are a testament to their talent and dedication. We are proud of their work, even as we look ahead with the understanding that there's much more to do.

Thank you for your interest in our progress and our plans for improvement. I hope you will find this report informative, and, as always, we welcome your feedback.



Craig Menear

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President



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The Home Depot was founded on eight core values that guide our everyday actions.

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OUR APPROACH

As a retailer, we have relationships with a variety of stakeholders interested in how we're running our business. Customers ask us questions when they walk into our stores or shop with us online. Citizens contact us with concerns. We meet with shareholders and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). We take part in industry efforts to raise awareness about the social and environmental responsibilities we all share.

These formal and informal interactions help shape our priorities. So does our regular materiality assessment, which gauges the impact of our business. Together, they create a framework that our Sustainability Council uses to measure our progress and design ways to improve. The Council, composed of representatives from different areas of the business, focuses on seven key areas (see right).

The Council meets twice a year and its chairman presents our sustainability strategy and activities to the Board of Directors annually. Our priorities and plans are communicated through our company structure from leaders to associates.

The process of evaluating the impact of our business is never complete. Technology, scientific developments, societal shifts and business innovations drive constant change. When we hear from concerned stakeholders, we take steps to educate them and monitor the issue or alter our path. We track and report on progress and set goals for improvement.

We will continue to rely on our relationships with stakeholders to identify and meet the challenges and opportunities before us.

Areas of Focus



Climate Change



Factory Audits



Energy Reduction



Natural Resources



Diversity & Inclusion



Chemical Concerns



Waste & Recycling



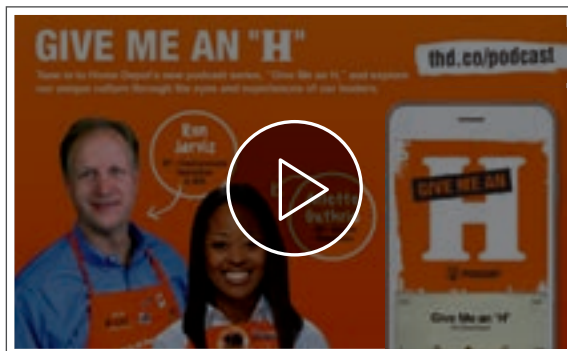
The Home Depot's **regular materiality assessment** gauges the impact of our business.

DOING THINGS BETTER EVERY DAY

At The Home Depot, we continually seek ways to align our operational strategies with technology and product improvements. It's a smart way to do business, and it also creates a more sustainable world. But our sustainability efforts extend beyond our operations and into customers' homes. As the world's largest home improvement retailer, we are in a unique position to source products and foster ideas that not only reduce our environmental impact, but also help millions of customers reduce their impact.

Our sustainability assessments expand in scope and complexity every year, yet we keep showing improvements. Our efforts help customers clean, repair, remodel and build in ways that are better for their homes and businesses, as well as for our planet.

The Home Depot's merchant teams work with our suppliers across industries to embrace processes that have positive, lasting effects.



Jarvis shares knowledge of all things orange and green on THD's *Give Me an H* podcast.

We constantly look for ways to:



Rely more on sustainable resources



Use less water



Use less energy



Cut waste



Reduce distribution emissions



Reduce packaging and improve its sustainability

In 2017, we published a Chemical Strategy detailing our commitment to reducing the indoor air quality impact of the household cleaning, paint, carpet and insulation products we sell. This year, we asked suppliers to exclude additional chemicals from household cleaning products.

We also reviewed our global wood-purchasing policy and added stricter requirements for wood sourced from the Amazon and Congo basins, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Those requirements will take effect Sept. 1, 2018.

Our store operations team constantly strives for the complementary goals of improving efficiency and reducing our environmental impact. We seek alternatives such as wind, solar and fuel cells to reduce our emissions and encourage the continued development of cleaner energy. We're closer to our goal of leveraging 135 megawatts of alternative and renewable energy by 2020.

Every day we open our doors determined to do things better — to build on our business success as we reduce our company's and our industry's environmental impact and improve the lives of people in the global communities we influence, support and serve.

Thank you for your time and interest in The Home Depot.



Ron Jarvis

Vice President, Environmental Innovation





2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Our core values and orange-blooded culture go beyond our stores to the communities we serve

Our PEOPLE



We granted
\$63 million
to support communities
in 2017



Over 50%
of our new hires were
ethnically diverse, and more
than 34% were women



Across the company,
our associates speak
30+ languages



More than 90%
of store leaders began
as hourly associates

Our PRODUCTS



We helped customers **save 79 billion** gallons of water through proper use of our water-efficient products



We exceeded 35% of our goal to help customers save **\$2.8 billion** in energy costs by 2020 through proper use of our products



We eliminated enough expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam from our packaging to fill **355 Greyhound buses**



Our OPERATIONS



Stores used **23.5% less** electricity than in 2010



We helped customers **recycle 1.1 million** rechargeable batteries



We reduced greenhouse gases from U.S. logistics by 310,680 metric tons, or nearly 8%, equivalent to taking **66,500+ cars** off the road for a year



32% of the hazardous waste we managed was **recycled or reused** for energy

2017 RECOGNITION

The Home Depot's dedication to our people, customers, communities and shareholders earned recognition in 2017. Here are some of the organizations that noted our progress in sustainability, diversity and inclusion and business innovation.

Sustainability



ENERGY STAR
Retail Partner of the Year,
Sustained Excellence



WaterSense
Partner of the Year,
Sustained Excellence



SmartWay
Excellence Awardee



Newsweek
Green Ranking

Business



Innovative Retail Technologies
Retailer Innovation Award



Fast Company
50 Most Innovative
Companies



National Retail Federation
Top Retailer & Top E-retailer



National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Outstanding Corporate Partner Award



Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law A. Leon Higginbotham Corporate Leadership Award



Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index Best Place to Work for LGBT



U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Million Dollar Club



Military Times Best for Vets Employer



Omnikal Top 50 Corporation for Inclusion



RecruitMilitary Most Valuable Employer for Military



Military Friendly Employer & Spouse Employer Award



Mogul Diversity & Inclusion Innovator



OUR PEOPLE





RESOURCES

Diversity & Inclusion



Military Transition Portal



Supplier Diversity



Retool Your School



Associate Resource Groups



The Home Depot Foundation



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Strengthening our business by embracing our differences

Diversity is good for our communities, and it's good for our business. Differences in thought, style, culture, ethnicity, age, gender orientation and experience are invaluable assets. Having a wealth of perspectives and experiences helps us make smarter strategic decisions, connect with our customers and build a workplace that attracts and retains talented associates.

We are committed to a culture that welcomes and accepts differences. For us, diversity reflects our core values. We embrace it by integrating inclusive practices into our business processes, engaging and developing associates, building partnerships with diverse suppliers and supporting diversity in the communities we serve.



VALUING PEOPLE'S BACKGROUNDS GIVES YOU DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.



By the NUMBERS



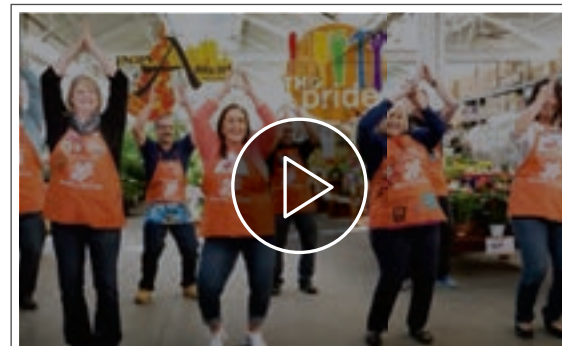
Diverse associates give THD a **92% favorable** rating on **commitment to employing diverse individuals**



Small and diverse businesses supply **100,000+** of our SKUs



Across the company, our associates speak **30+ languages**



Learn more about our inclusive practices and how they align with The Home Depot's core values.



Our inclusive practices —
from whom we hire to
the product selection on
our shelves — **make
The Home Depot a great
place to work and a
great place to shop.**

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Hiring

We understand that we succeed through people. Our diverse workforce of more than 400,000 associates strengthens our competitive advantage, maximizes shareholder investment and benefits the communities we serve. Our workforce is more ethnically diverse than the U.S. working population, based on a comparison with U.S. Department of Labor data. We continue to make progress in our efforts to increase representation in our executive ranks. Here are some of the ways we foster an inclusive workplace:

- Our chief diversity officer provides focused leadership in developing a workplace where all associates are valued, respected and supported in doing their best work.
- We connect with veterans and their spouses through our [military transition portal](#). **More than 35,000 veterans are employed by The Home Depot.**
- Our University Relations program recruits interns from diverse backgrounds. In 2017, more than 220 students participated in our summer internship programs across 10 business areas.
- We use social media, traditional advertising in multicultural markets and other outreach to target prospective associates.



- We have a section of our [corporate website](#) dedicated to diversity, and we regularly participate in local and national career fairs that attract diverse job candidates.

Retention

All employees prosper through our robust development opportunities and benefits, but we structure some programs specifically to support workforce diversity. Here are a few examples:

- Respect training is part of all associates' curriculum. Our Store Support Center leader development curriculum includes inclusion and unconscious bias training.
- Our Leaders Inclusion Network (Lead-IN) empowers associates to lead inclusively by engaging and championing diverse talent. Our Women in Leadership curriculum is among the developmental content available to associates under Lead-IN.
- Our SSC mentoring circles foster inclusion. More than half of the participants are female, and more than half are ethnically diverse.
- Tuition reimbursement includes learning other languages.
- Medical coverage includes transgender benefits.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, over 50% of our new hires were ethnically diverse, and more than 34% were women.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Supplier Diversity

We provide meaningful business opportunities for minority-, veteran- and female-owned businesses, as well as small businesses. More than 100,000 SKUs are provided by small or [diverse suppliers](#). They enable us to offer innovative products and services, meet the needs of our diverse customer base and support economic growth in the communities we serve.

Spotlight: Family-owned Jelmar focuses on sustainable products

Jelmar, known for brands like the eco-friendly CLR line, has transformed under the direction of three generations of the Gutterman family. Today, the company is a certified woman-owned business led by Chief Executive Officer Alison Gutterman, whose grandfather, father and uncle started the company in 1949.

Gutterman said THD is a strong partner because we showcase Jelmar's environmental focus. "It demonstrates their commitment to environmental sustainability and concern for the products they sell that impact consumers' daily lives."



By the NUMBERS



3,000+

small and diverse businesses among our suppliers



\$6 billion+

spent with small and diverse suppliers in 2017



\$18 billion+

spent with these suppliers over the last three years

We maintain memberships, participate in trade shows and provide sponsorship support to a number of diverse business organizations, including:

- Minority Business Development Agency
- National Center for Indian Enterprise Development
- National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
- National Minority Suppliers Development Council
- National Veterans Small Business Engagement
- U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Pan-Asian American Chamber of Commerce
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council

Community Partnerships

Our local and national community partners represent the diversity of our associates and customers. To further The Home Depot's commitment to promote inclusion, develop talent and engage with diverse communities, we strategically partner with aligned organizations, including:

- 100 Black Men of Atlanta
- American Corporate Partners
- Catalyst
- Executive Leadership Council
- Georgia Diversity Council
- Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility
- Human Rights Campaign
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- National Association of Asian American Professionals
- National Action Network
- National Association of Chinese Americans
- National Urban League
- Network of Executive Women
- Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- The Latin American Association
- The Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change
- Trumpet Awards Foundation
- Urban League of Greater Atlanta
- United Negro College Fund

Retool Your School

Our hands-on [Retool Your School](#) program provides campus improvement grants to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the United States.



\$360,000 awarded in 2017 for campus improvement projects



44% increase in school participation in 2017—72 HBCUs in all



490 grants awarded to HBCUs since the program's inception in 2010, totaling \$1.8 million

“**IT'S A CATALYST FOR RALLYING THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY.**”



Discover how Retool Your School helped build an eco-classroom at Florida A&M University.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Empowering associates to grow with our company

The Home Depot strives to build a learning-rich workplace where associates and leaders are prepared to succeed, motivated to serve our customers well and given opportunities to grow. Our learning and development programs expand their skills and capabilities so associates can master their roles, which ultimately leads to great customer experiences.

We develop our associates and leaders using:

- **E-learning:** Media-rich, self-directed learning offers focused, interactive activities and actionable feedback.
- **Instructor-led experiences:** Immersive training at our Atlanta SSC centers on business acumen, technical skills and leadership skills for new leaders in critical positions.
- **Online resources:** Our library of online, on-demand resources includes videos, courses, book summaries, reference materials and performance support tools.
- **Executive development:** Advanced business and leadership training empowers experienced leaders to develop strategic business approaches and prepare for higher-level roles.

By the NUMBERS



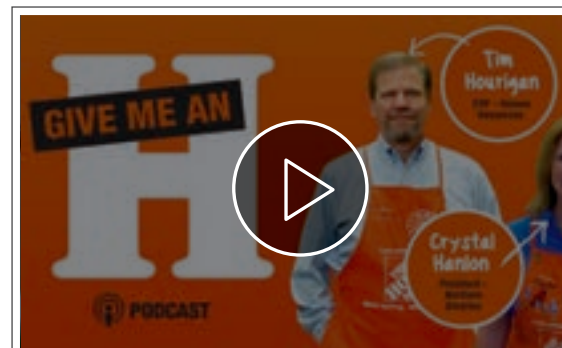
More than
90%
of store leaders began
as hourly associates



Associates completed nearly
22 million
training courses in 2017



That adds up to
7 million
hours of associate training



Human resources leader Tim Hourigan explains our orange-blooded culture on THD's *Give Me an H* podcast.



We support growth and development at every phase of the associate journey, because **great customer experiences start with great associate experiences.**

ASSOCIATE ENGAGEMENT

Building a great place to work

We create an engaging and inclusive workplace by asking for and acting on associate feedback. We value how our differences contribute to unified success. And we enable associates to share in the company's financial achievements.

Voice of the Associate Survey

Our annual survey helps us determine how emotionally connected our associates are to their jobs, leaders and company. The most recent results were uniformly favorable, further supporting an increase in associate commitment that we have noted over the last several years. We use the results to help stores, warehouses and other locations improve associate and customer experiences. Our leaders also use the data for companywide assessments.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 80% of associates report a strong commitment to their jobs, their leaders and the company.



Spotlight: Measuring leadership success

The Home Depot is always looking for ways to understand and harness the power of leadership. A trend that kept emerging from operational data was that the most highly engaged stores were headed by strong leaders. While this wasn't surprising, the challenge was how to define — and then replicate — the leadership qualities that foster engagement and success.

Our internal research identified four Leader Behaviors, Respect, Inspire, Develop and Celebrate, as being vital to creating highly engaged teams that are empowered to go above and beyond for our customers. The four Leader Behaviors are now integrated into our leaders' development programs and are a core part of our Voice of the Associate survey. Associates are able to provide feedback on these behaviors, and 75% have a favorable view of how their leaders demonstrate these qualities.

Associate Resource Groups

We engage associates and support an inclusive culture through [associate resource groups](#) (ARGs) connected to a single aspect of diversity. Championed by executive sponsors and advisers, each ARG highlights our commitment to diversity by engaging associates in professional development, awareness activities and community outreach. Our ARGs support the company's business objectives and policies, particularly related to developing our associates, creating diversity awareness and engaging diverse community partners. Over 60% of our Store Support Center associates belong to an ARG.



Success Sharing

Our philosophy of taking care of our people and motivating them to deliver a superior customer experience shapes our profit-sharing program for hourly associates. Success Sharing provides semi-annual cash awards for performance against our business plan, including sales and productivity goals.

The outstanding performance of our associates in fiscal 2017 enabled 99% of stores to qualify for Success Sharing in both the first and second half of the year. This resulted in bonus payments to our non-management associates of approximately \$256 million.

DID YOU KNOW?

Success Sharing has totaled more than **\$1 billion** for associates over the last five years.



ASSOCIATE BENEFITS

Caring for our company's greatest asset — our people

Our people are our biggest competitive advantage, and it's our responsibility and privilege to take care of them. We do this by offering an array of programs to meet the needs of our associates and their families.

Financial Programs & Tools

FutureBuilder 401(k): Associates can save for the future while taking advantage of tax savings. Eligible associates who contribute at least 5% of their paychecks to the plan get up to 3.5% in matching contributions from the company.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP): Twice-a-year plans provide a 15% discount on Home Depot stock. Associates who enroll may set aside up to 20% of eligible pay (up to \$21,250 annually) to purchase stock.

Personal finance education: All associates have access to the Momentum onUp Financial Confidence Program. Momentum onUp consists of a suite of online webinars, activities, tools and resources leading participants through an eight step program. Momentum onUp is designed to help associates increase knowledge and relieve financial stress by building financial confidence.

Identity theft protection: Associates are automatically enrolled in free AllClear ID identity repair services, and they can sign up for additional proactive identity monitoring for free.

Discounts: Associates receive special rates on a wide variety of everyday goods and services — from home and auto insurance to mobile phone service, roadside assistance, brand-name products and more.

Commuter benefits: Eligible associates who travel to work using public transportation or van pools can save by deducting a portion of commuting expenses from paychecks on a before-tax basis.

Associate Assistance

CARE/Solutions for Life: Our free and confidential employee assistance program helps associates manage personal and work-life challenges. Licensed counselors and medical professionals are available by phone 24/7/365 to help associates and their household members, including spouses, domestic partners, other relatives and roommates.

Program team members assist with specific interventions that meet the everyday needs of our workforce — from childcare to eldercare, marital concerns, bereavement, emotional stress, legal or financial concerns and more. In addition, CARE/Solutions for Life is available to assist our management teams dealing with disaster relief and responding to traumatic events in the workplace or community.



DID YOU KNOW?

Associates saved more than \$16 million in 2017 through THD discounts, including an average annual savings of \$300 on mobile phone bills.

ASSOCIATE BENEFITS

Family Support

CareDirect: Prescreened, self-selected candidates aid associates with child and elder care needs, as well as services like dog-walking and pet-sitting while on vacation.

Adoption assistance: The Home Depot reimburses certain adoption-related expenses to assist eligible associates.

Pet insurance: Nose-to-tail coverage for pet health needs includes routine care, shots, exams and unexpected expenses from illnesses and injuries.

Rethink: Best-practice resources and training help associates support their children with developmental disabilities or challenges with learning and behavior. The comprehensive program provides access to easy-to-follow videos, custom learning plans, a training center and one-on-one sessions with licensed experts.

Backup care: We've partnered with Bright Horizons® to offer eligible associates backup care when:

- Regular caregiver/stay-at-home spouse is unavailable
- Associate is between childcare or adult/eldercare
- Child's regular childcare center/school is closed
- Associate is transitioning back to work after returning from leave
- Child or adult/elder relative is ill or needs assistance
- Associate is on business travel or relocating
- Associate or spouse is recovering from surgery

Educational Assistance

EdAssist: Associates have access to academic and college financial advisers to assist them in reducing the time, cost and stress of pursuing their educational goals. This program also includes access to tuition discounts at more than 200 educational institutions nationwide.



Over 53,000 associates received more than \$136 million in tuition reimbursement over the past 13 years

By the NUMBERS



100,000+

associates and spouses get
annual health screenings

Healthy Life

Health challenge: Our annual health challenge encourages associates to take action to improve their health, feel better and have fun. Associates set personal goals and compete to win prizes.

Flu prevention: Free flu shots for associates protect them and our customers during cold and flu season.

Weight Watchers: Associates and their spouses get guidance and resources to help them live healthier — including 24/7 access to expert and community support.

Health screening: Associates have access to biometric screenings on-site or at a Quest Diagnostic Patient Service Center.

Tobacco cessation: Personalized, one-on-one strategies and support help associates mentally and physically prepare to quit.

Sleepio: Personalized program helps associates discover their sleep scores and reach their sleep goals, so they can be at their best at home, work and in the community.

24/7 care: Associates have access to virtual doctor visits from home anytime, including after hours, on weekends and during holidays. They also may receive a second opinion through Grand Rounds.



25,000+

associates and spouses have
quit using tobacco
since 2009



We began our annual
health challenge in
2011



THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION

Investing in local communities

The Home Depot Foundation works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap, and support communities affected by natural disasters. Our Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) public charity, provides financial support that has benefited people in more than 3,800 cities in the U.S. since 2011. We partner with thousands of nonprofit organizations to extend the Foundation's reach into communities.



By the NUMBERS



The Home Depot Foundation gave **\$3 million** in 2017 to **help communities affected by disasters**



The Foundation has awarded **\$227 million+** to **veteran nonprofit partners** since 2011

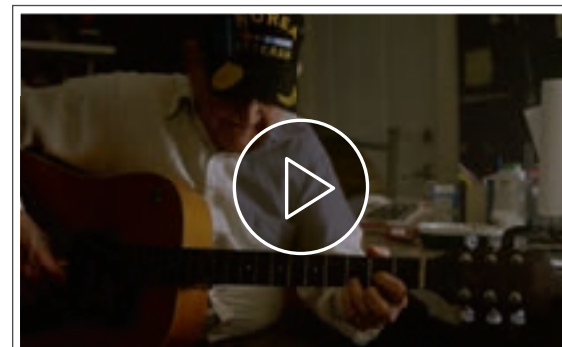


\$48 million+ has been distributed in our **hometown of Atlanta** since 2011



I LOVE BEING IN MY HOUSE.

YES, I DO.



Meet Bernardo Romero, a Korean War veteran receiving support from The Home Depot Foundation and Meals on Wheels.



“
**WE WANTED
TO BRING SHOP
CLASS BACK**”

Shannon Gerber
Executive Director of
The Home Depot Foundation

Spotlight: Training veterans for the trades

In 2017, The Home Depot Foundation launched a pilot trades-training program at two U.S. military bases. Trainees are military members completing their service; they pay no fees to participate in the 12-week pre-apprenticeship, which combines work-based learning with technical and academic skills. The Foundation partnered with the nonprofit Home Builders Institute to create the program, using a Department of Labor-recognized curriculum with an average job placement rate higher than 90%.

“We wanted to bring shop class back,” said Shannon Gerber, executive director of the Foundation. “We’re thrilled to train next-generation plumbers, electricians, carpenters and beyond. It’s a true honor to assist separating service members as they transition to civilian life and into successful careers in the trades.” The program will roll out to military bases across the U.S. in 2018. It’s part of the Foundation’s \$50 million commitment to train 20,000 tradespeople by 2028 to help fill the skilled labor gap.

TEAM DEPOT

Offering hands-on assistance to those we serve

Team Depot is a force of 400,000 orange-blooded volunteer associates led by 2,200 community captain leaders, spanning all associate levels. We go where we're needed, but veterans are a priority. Since 2011, Team Depot projects and Home Depot Foundation funds have improved more than 37,000 veterans' homes and facilities.

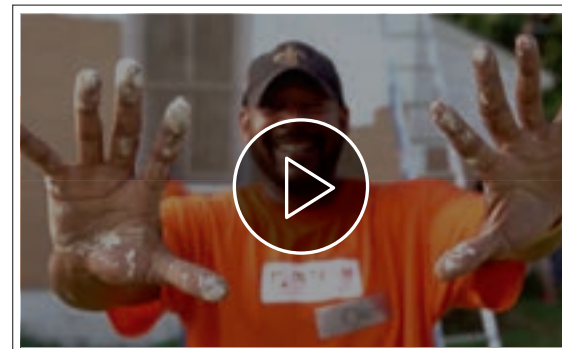
In 2017, Team Depot volunteers worked on veterans' homes across the U.S., built playhouses for children of veterans and assembled furniture for families of veterans transitioning out of homelessness. And in an unprecedented year of hurricanes and wildfires, thousands of Team Depot members pitched in as devastated communities started rebuilding.



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**GETTING INVOLVED IS PART OF
OUR CORE VALUES.**

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Meet associates who embrace Team Depot's mission to give back because it's the right thing to do.

THE HOMER FUND

Helping one another through life's biggest challenges

The Homer Fund is a nonprofit charity that provides emergency financial assistance to associates facing unforeseen hardships. Associates proudly support the Fund because the unexpected can happen to anyone. In 2017, associates' contributions to the Fund helped 15,000 of their co-workers, providing more than \$19 million in financial assistance.

When disasters strike, our stores are among the last to close and first to open. But some associates who are committed to supporting customers also experience losses. Last year, The Homer Fund assisted more than 6,000 associates following catastrophic hurricanes and wildfires.

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**YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN IT'S
GOING TO BE YOU.**”



By the NUMBERS



93%

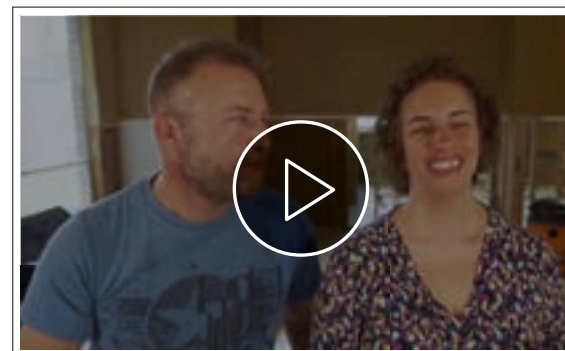
of associates contributed
to The Homer Fund
during the 2017 fundraising
campaign



The Homer Fund has awarded
\$165 million+
in associate assistance
since launching in 1999



130,000+
associates have been
helped by The Homer Fund
since 1999



Meet Tom Svopa,
one of 1,400
associates in the
Houston area
assisted by
The Homer Fund
after Hurricane
Harvey.

OUR PRODUCTS





RESOURCES

Eco Options



Chemical Strategy



Green Chemistry & Commerce Council



USDA Organic Standards



Eco Options Gardening



WaterSense



ENERGY STAR



Code of Conduct & Ethics



Wood Purchasing Policy



Forest Stewardship Council



Conflict Minerals Report



Responsible Minerals Initiative



Organisation for Economic
Co-Operation & Development



ECO OPTIONS

Cultivating a better future for our customers and the planet

Our products have the potential to drive significant change. By selling greener products, we make customers' homes greener, too. And that can make a difference to the health and well-being of millions of people and their communities.

In 2007, The Home Depot launched [Eco Options](#)[®] to help our customers identify products that have less of an impact on the environment and to encourage our suppliers to provide more sustainable offerings. Ten years later, in October 2017, we published our [Chemical Strategy](#). It details our commitment to working with suppliers to reduce the indoor air quality impact of chemicals used in the products we sell. Its publication was a milestone made possible by what we had learned over a decade of focusing on sustainability.

We launched Eco Options in partnership with SCS Global Services, a leading, independent, third-party certification body. For a product to be classified as an Eco Options product, the supplier must document attributes that prove it has less of an impact on the environment than comparable products in the same category. Until all industries create and abide by a reporting formula that measures product attributes according to a common sustainability standard, we will continue to use our Eco Options program to help customers sort through green product claims.



To determine whether products qualify for our Eco Options program, we consider their impact in one or more of five key areas



Energy Efficiency

Save money and power



Water Conservation

Help protect and preserve water



Healthy Home

Reduce toxins and sources of contamination to create a healthier environment



Clean Air

Protect the air we breathe



Sustainable Forestry

Monitor wood products to ensure sustainability

CHEMICAL STRATEGY

Extending sustainability to customers' homes

At The Home Depot, we recognize the responsibility we have for the environmental impact of our organization — and that our biggest impact is the products we sell. In partnership with stakeholders throughout the supply chain, The Home Depot is committed to offering products that are safer for the environment.

With our encouragement, our suppliers have been investing in developing environmentally innovative products. The Home Depot supports the work of the [Green Chemistry & Commerce Council](#) (GC3) through annual membership and participation in the Retail Leadership Council of the GC3, and we participated in developing the GC3's *Joint Statement on Using Green Chemistry and Safer Alternatives to Advance Sustainable Products*.

We and our suppliers also partner with respected third-party certification organizations and environmental nonprofits that guide the home improvement industry toward safer chemical ingredient use. The Home Depot is committed to continuing the drive toward minimizing the environmental impact of the products we sell.



CHEMICAL STRATEGY

Our Commitment

- The Home Depot is committed to increasing our assortment of products that maintain third-party certifications of their chemical ingredients, and that meet high environmental standards.
- We encourage suppliers' efforts to improve chemicals in categories with the greatest potential impact on indoor air quality.
- We conduct periodic assessments of key categories to track progress on environmental innovations in green chemistry.

The Home Depot will evaluate this strategy annually to ensure our approach and goals are appropriate and meet the needs of our stakeholders.



Painting Products

Paints

As a result of our paint suppliers' efforts over the last 10 years to evolve their paints and offer products that help maintain healthier air quality, the paints we sell have significantly improved. The following chemicals of concern are excluded or are scheduled to be excluded from our interior and exterior latex water-based wall paints in our U.S. and Canada stores:

- Triclosan
- Isocyanates
- Formaldehyde
- Lead/heavy metals
- Alkylphenol ethoxylates and Nonylphenol ethoxylates (APEOs and NPEs) are in the process of being phased out by 2019.

Certifications: In our U.S. stores, all Behr® interior paints, Glidden® Premium, Glidden Diamond and and PPG® Timeless interior paints are GREENGUARD® Gold certified. All BehrPro® interior paints and Behr Primers are MPI X-Green certified.

Paint-tinting Colorants: In 2012, we transitioned our paint-tinting colorants in our U.S. and Canada stores from solvent-based formulation to a water-based, low-VOC and ethylene-glycol-free formulation.

Volatile Organic Compounds: All of our interior and exterior latex water-based wall paints in our U.S. stores are zero or low VOC. The majority of interior and exterior latex water-based wall paints in our Canada stores are zero or low VOC, and our full assortment will be zero or low VOC by December 2020.

Our current U.S. and Canada zero- and low-VOC paints are outlined here:

VOC VALUE <5g/L = zero VOC	VOC VALUE <50g/L = LOW VOC	
BEHR Premium Plus Interior	BEHR Premium Plus Exterior	Glidden Premium Exterior
BEHRPro i300 Interior	BEHR Premium Plus Ultra Interior	Glidden Essentials Interior
Glidden Premium Interior	BEHR Premium Plus Ultra Exterior	Glidden Ceiling Paint
Glidden Diamond Interior	BEHR MARQUEE Interior	Glidden Professional Speedwall
CIL Premium Interior (Canada)	BEHR MARQUEE Exterior	Glidden Professional Ultra-Hide 220
	BEHRPro i100 Interior	Glidden Professional Ultra-Hide 440
	BEHR Premium Plus Ceiling Paint	Glidden Speed-Cote Exterior
	BEHR Premium Plus Ultra Ceiling Paint	Glidden Vinyl Renew Exterior
	CIL DUO Interior (Canada)	PPG Timeless Interior
		PPG Timeless Exterior

Note: Colorants added to base paints may increase VOC level depending on color choice.

CHEMICAL STRATEGY

Flooring

Carpet

Home Depot carpet suppliers have been at the forefront of the industry-wide removal of chemicals of concern and the exploration of safer alternatives in carpet. All indoor wall-to-wall carpet sold through Home Depot's U.S. and Canada stores have a third-party verification of transparency through DECLARE® Label or Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), or certification of material health through Cradle to Cradle™ Products Innovation Institute or CRI Green Label Plus®. The following chemicals of concern are excluded from indoor wall-to-wall carpet sold in our U.S. and Canada stores:

- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) or perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)
- Triclosan
- Organotins
- Ortho-phthalates
- Vinyl chloride
- Nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs)
- Coal fly ash
- Formaldehyde
- Added heavy metals

Vinyl

Home Depot vinyl flooring suppliers are setting the pace for change in this category with efforts to continually improve the chemical profile of their products. As of January 2016, no ortho-phthalates are permitted as added plasticizers in vinyl flooring sold at Home Depot stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Laminate Flooring

Laminate flooring at The Home Depot is verified by either GREENGUARD® Gold or FloorScore® certification to contain 0.0073 ppm or less of formaldehyde, which is a stricter standard than CARB 2 of 0.05 ppm.



Insulation

Our fiberglass insulation suppliers have persistently challenged themselves to remove chemicals of concern from their products over the last decade. As a result, 100% of our fiberglass insulation products in the U.S. and Canada are GREENGUARD® Gold certified and do not contain the following chemicals of concern:

- Brominated flame retardants
- Halogenated flame retardants
- Antimony trioxide
- Formaldehyde
- Added heavy metals



Residential Household Cleaning Chemicals

The Home Depot continues to work with suppliers to improve products that impact indoor air quality. As a result, we are asking our suppliers to exclude the following chemicals of concern from the manufacturing of all residential household cleaning chemical products sold in Home Depot stores by the end of 2022:

- Propyl-paraben
- Butyl-paraben
- Diethyl phthalates
- Dibutyl phthalates
- Formaldehyde
- Nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs)
- Triclosan
- Toluene
- Trichloroethylene (TCE)

In addition, our Eco Options® program identifies environmentally preferred products, including cleaners that have obtained certifications from independent third-party testers such as EPA's Safer Choice and Cradle to Cradle™ Certified.

GARDENING

Seeding change in customers' backyards

We know that yards, patios and balconies are more than outdoor spaces — they're ecosystems that have an impact on their surroundings. That's why The Home Depot works closely with our growers and suppliers to offer healthy trees, blooms and edible plants that support local environments and pollinators. We're excited about meeting customers' growing demand for organic and environmentally beneficial plants.

Organic Edibles

We're making it easier for our customers to grow organic. We now offer more than 50 varieties of organic, non-GMO vegetable and herb plants grown according to methods approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organics Program. Only products that have been certified as meeting the USDA's organic production and handling [requirements](#) may carry the USDA Organic seal.



OUR ORGANIC PRODUCT ASSORTMENT CARRIES SOME OF THE INDUSTRY'S MOST RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED BRANDS

Alaska

Bonide

Bonnie Organics

Burpee

Dr. Earth

Ecocraps

Espoma

Jobes

Kellogg

Miracle Grow Nature's Care

Nature's Nutrients



DID YOU KNOW?

We offer organic gardening DIY workshops each year to teach customers how to **grow healthy and productive plants without chemicals.**

GARDENING

Pollinator Health

Pollinators are vital to local ecosystems, and we are committed to promoting products that help protect them. Our growers have pledged to discontinue the use of neonicotinoid pesticides by the end of 2018. We [list our insecticide products online](#) so our customers have the information they need to help them create pollinator-friendly gardens. Our Nature's Nutrients line, grown without the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, is curated to include blooms that attract butterflies and other pollinators.



Our Garden center watering innovations have saved more than 250 million gallons of water



Our Garden centers get plants from 250 local growers

Native & Healthy Plants

Native plants contribute to the health of ecosystems and pollinators. Our growers work closely with U.S. states' departments of agriculture to identify invasive plants that may threaten local native plants.

Growing Local

Each region in which we operate has a unique ecosystem with its own weather patterns, soils and growing challenges. We are proud to partner with 250 local growers who carefully balance the impact of their production with local environmental issues. These partnerships reduce transportation costs and carbon dioxide emissions, and they enable us to offer affordable selections of plants and trees — while supporting the local economies of communities we serve.

Reuse and Recycling in Our Garden Centers

We've been helping our customers recycle their plastic planter pots since 2009. We collect pots (from THD and elsewhere) at our Garden center recycle stations and give them to our growers to reuse. If pots aren't reusable, our growers sort them by resin type and deliver them to our designated supplier who, in turn, recycles them into new pots.

We've helped recycle more than 17 million pounds of plastic planter pots over the last eight years — more than 3 million pounds in 2017 alone. Our efforts have diverted more than 12,000 cubic yards of plastic from landfills and created 23 million new pots. Some of the recycled plastic returns to THD as pots, trays and hanging baskets.



Sam Rambo's Georgia nursery has supplied THD since the 1980s

Spotlight: Hands-on sustainability keeps local nursery growing

Rambo Nursery is a family-owned grower in Cedartown, Georgia, that provides plants to 67 nearby Home Depot stores. Sam Rambo started the business in 1983, selling hanging baskets door to door. When he connected with The Home Depot, we had three Atlanta-area stores, and he was a one-man operation. Now his thriving nursery employs hundreds.

Rambo grows his business with a view on sustainability. The nursery uses integrated pest management (IPM) techniques, including sanitation, crop rotation and preventive practices such as greenhouse screens. Workers don't water after 2 p.m. to discourage

fungus gnats. When needed, the nursery uses beneficial nematodes to help control pests. Workers inspect plants several times a day, checking temperatures and removing dead foliage or errant stems. Before starting new crops, they remove remnants of previous crops, weeds, algae or green spots — cleaning surfaces and tools throughout greenhouses to discourage insects, mites, disease and the spread of pathogens.

When Rambo's plants move to our Garden centers, his field employees take over, making regular visits to ensure the plants are healthy and well maintained. It's a labor-intensive but successful business strategy. "Customers just want beautiful, healthy plants that are grown locally," Rambo said.

WATER

Protecting and conserving precious resources

Water is essential to life and a significant factor in economic health. We understand the responsibility The Home Depot has in protecting it — not only through our operations, but also through products we sell. We work with suppliers to ensure products reflect our conservation values and help customers use less water.

In 2017, we committed to helping customers save 250 billion gallons of water by 2020 through the purchase and proper use of [WaterSense](#)-approved products. We estimate our products helped customers save 79 billion gallons of water last year alone — nearly a third of our goal.

We partner with WaterSense, a program operated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to ensure our customers have access to water-efficient products. Products bearing the WaterSense label have been independently certified to help save water.

In 2017, The Home Depot was named a WaterSense Partner of the Year for the sixth consecutive year. It was also the third year we were recognized for Sustained Excellence, earned because of our commitment to providing water-efficient products and to increasing customer and associate awareness of the WaterSense program.

By the NUMBERS



We've earned **WaterSense Partner of the Year** for **6 years** in a row



We estimate our products helped customers **save 79 billion** gallons of water in 2017



We've pledged that our products, when properly used, **will help customers save 250 billion** gallons of water by 2020



WaterSense-approved faucets can save 700 gallons a year

Many products in our U.S. stores exceed WaterSense and U.S. Department of Energy standards

TOILETS



THD
1.28 gallons per flush or less

WaterSense
1.28 gallons per flush

DOE
1.6 gallons per flush

BATH FAUCETS



THD
1.2 gallons per minute

WaterSense
1.5 gallons per minute

DOE
2.2 gallons per minute

SHOWERHEADS



THD
1.8 gallons per minute

WaterSense
2 gallons per minute

DOE
2.5 gallons per minute



DID YOU KNOW? Toilets are the biggest water users in the home. Customers can save 15,000 gallons and \$110 per year by upgrading to a Niagara Stealth 0.8 gallon-per-flush toilet, which is WaterSense labeled.

Spotlight: Protecting waterways from coast to coast

In Northern California, The Home Depot has partnered for 15 years with [Our Water Our World](#) (OWOW), a program organized by pollution-prevention agencies to protect local waterways. In 60 of our area stores, OWOW advocates show customers how to use our less toxic garden pest management products, assist with product displays and provide free literature on integrated pest management (IPM) techniques. OWOW also trains our associates to better help customers understand ways to reduce their impact on waterways.

Across the country in Maine, we've partnered with the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District's [YardScaping](#) program since 2014. The program promotes lawn-care products and maintenance techniques that keep soil healthy and minimize polluted runoff into local waterways. YardScaping representatives train associates to educate customers about less toxic lawn-care products.



We help protect water resources in Maine and elsewhere

ENERGY

Reducing emissions and customers' power bills

For more than two decades, The Home Depot has encouraged suppliers to make the products we sell more energy efficient. As a result, our customers have saved millions of dollars on utility bills and reduced emissions linked to powering their homes.

Energy-efficient Products

In 2017, we announced a commitment to help our customers save another \$2.8 billion in energy costs by 2020 through the purchase and proper use of **ENERGY STAR** products. By the end of the year, we had sold over 171 million ENERGY STAR products, which we estimate saved our customers over \$1 billion on annual energy utility costs — exceeding 35% of our 2020 goal. We estimate the drop in consumption helped customers reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 6.2 million metric tons. That's equivalent to removing annual CO₂ emissions produced by nearly 670,000 American homes.

We promote ENERGY STAR awareness in our stores and online. For example, our popular DIY workshops teach customers how to save money and energy using affordable products and simple conservation practices.

Our leadership in these areas has earned recognition year after year. We were named a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



ENERGY STAR Retail Partner of the Year in 2017 — for the 11th year in a row. We also received the program's Sustained Excellence distinction for the fourth consecutive year.

Solar Options

We're empowering our customers' energy independence by making it easier than ever for them to produce solar energy. Since 2016, our solar partners have installed more than 250,000 kilowatts of clean energy through The Home Depot solar program.

Energy Storage

The Home Depot now offers home battery energy solutions in all 50 U.S. states. They provide our customers with reliable power, even during storms and outages.

SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING

Reducing waste and environmental impact

The Home Depot's packaging team constantly works with our private brand product suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of packaging. By applying science to package design, we continue to make progress in reducing waste while maintaining packaging effectiveness.

Using Less EPS

In 2017, our packaging team looked for substitutes for expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam. EPS foam is good at protecting products, but it contains beads of chemicals and oil that are often difficult to recycle and can take more than 500 years to biodegrade.

We came up with a way to replace EPS with recyclable materials like molded pulp and paper in packaging for our private-label holiday product assortment. As a result, we eliminated 341,000 cubic feet of EPS foam from our packaging. That's 355 Greyhound buses full of EPS foam kept out of landfills.

By the NUMBERS



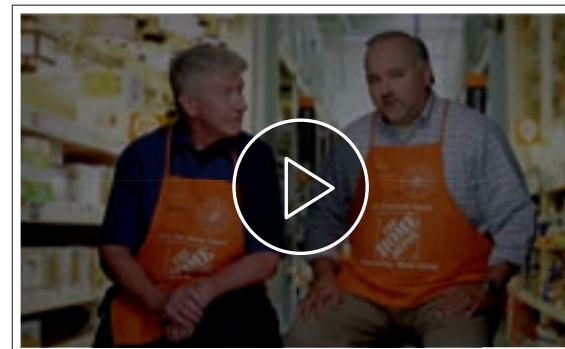
In 2017, THD redesigned **125 packages** to reduce size and materials



We estimate our packaging innovations abated **1.8 million pounds of damaged-product waste** last year



In 2018, we aim to use **1,165 fewer 40-foot shipping containers** because of optimized packaging



Discover how THD reduced expanded polystyrene foam in holiday packaging.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Living our commitment to ethical sourcing

We owe it to our customers, associates and communities to further the collective commitment to human rights, safety and environmentally sound practices through ethical sourcing. We engage our suppliers in this commitment by prioritizing the purchase of products made in factories that adhere to our social and environmental responsibility (SER) standards.

Our SER standards mandate that suppliers and factories abide by all applicable international and local laws, rules and regulations in the manufacturing and distribution of merchandise or services provided to us. We conduct audits around the world to ensure compliance with our SER standards.

Suppliers must keep on-site documentation that demonstrates compliance with our SER standards. They also must allow Home Depot associates and/or representatives full access to production facilities, worker records, production records and workers for confidential interviews in connection with

monitoring visits. We expect our suppliers to promptly correct any non-compliance, starting with timely preparation and presentation of a corrective and preventative action plan.

If suppliers fail to improve, we may terminate our business relationships with them. Equally important, we support factories that take action to create lasting social and environmental compliance programs. We encourage suppliers and factory workers to communicate concerns via processes outlined in our corporate [Code of Conduct](#).

Our SER audits are designed to assess compliance in these areas:

- Laws and regulations
- Child and forced labor
- Harassment and abuse
- Compensation
- Hours of work
- Non-discrimination
- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
- Health and safety
- Environment
- Subcontracting
- Communication
- Business ethics
- Monitoring and compliance

By the NUMBERS



Under our SER policy,

2,704

factory audits and follow-up visits were conducted in 2017



We audited peak production compliance at **219 factories** that make seasonal goods



66

subcontractors were audited last year



RESPONSIBLE SOURCING STARTS AT THE TOP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE review our SER program annually



ENTERPRISE RISK COUNCIL of senior company leaders provides oversight and guidance



INTERNAL AUDIT associates conduct annual audits to ensure our SER program is effective and operating as expected



THIRD-PARTY AUDITORS conduct our SER compliance audits



HOME DEPOT GLOBAL SOURCING OFFICES work with our supply chain to ensure compliance with our standards



THE HOME DEPOT SER TEAM of associates make sure factories adhere to our standards

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

Using the planet's resources wisely

As the world's largest home improvement retailer and an industry leader on sustainability issues, we have the ability to effect change by doing the right thing.

To help protect endangered forests and to ensure that there will be timber for future generations, we formalized a [Wood Purchasing Policy](#) in 1999. Since then, we've led suppliers toward understanding and practicing sustainable forestry throughout the world. We give preference to wood from forests managed in a responsible way. Most of our wood comes from North American forests, which are expanding.

In 2017, The Home Depot announced that beginning on Sept. 1, 2018, we will not accept wood products from Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, the South American Amazon Basin or the African Congo Basin, unless the [Forest Stewardship Council](#) has certified the products. FSC certification ensures products come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social and economic benefits.

By the NUMBERS



77% of forests
are under management plans
worldwide, totaling 5.1 billion acres



490 million
acres of forestland have been
protected since 1990, most
in the tropics

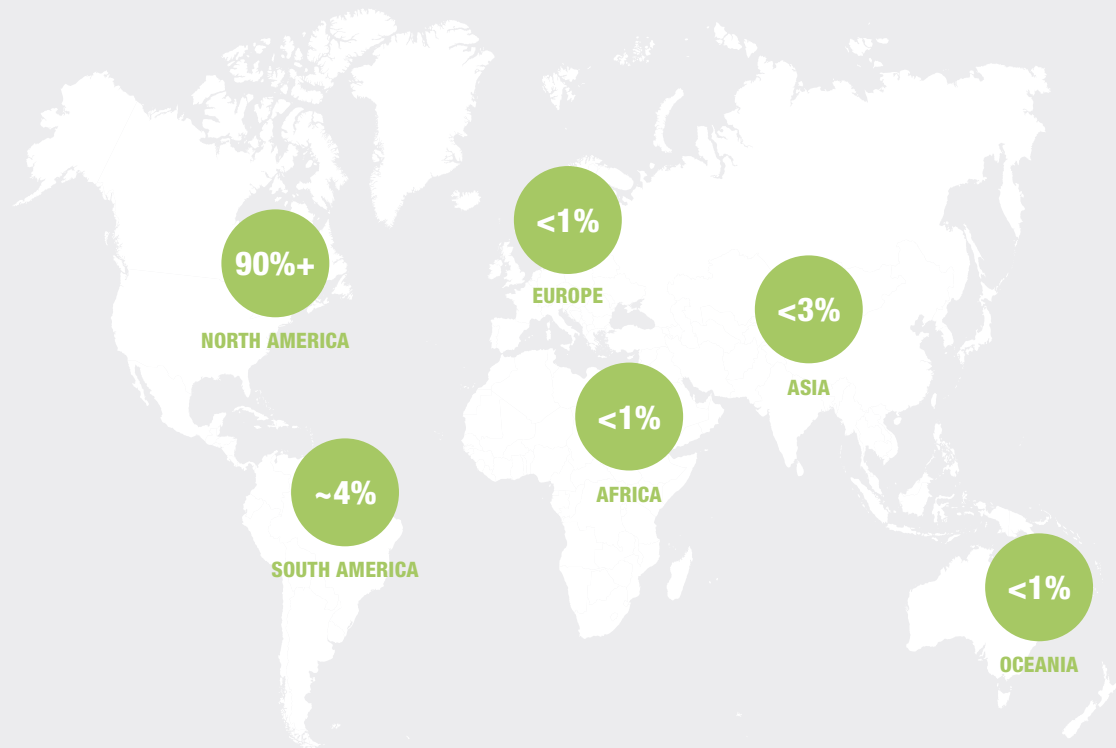


2 billion+
people rely on wood-based
fuels in developing countries

Source: [U.N. Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015](#)



THE HOME DEPOT'S 2017 WOOD PURCHASE VOLUME BY REGION OF ORIGIN



DID YOU KNOW?

Most of The Home Depot's wood comes from North American forests, which are expanding.



CONFLICT MINERALS

Encouraging responsible practices by our suppliers

Our company expects all suppliers that manufacture our products to provide appropriate information and conduct due diligence to enable our compliance with conflict minerals laws. We also expect these manufacturers to obtain products and materials from suppliers that are not involved in funding conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining covered countries. We partner with our private brands and proprietary product suppliers whose products contain tin, tungsten, tantalum or gold (referred to as 3TG) to identify the source of any of these minerals in the supply chain.

2017 Progress

As detailed in The Home Depot's [conflict minerals report](#) for 2017, our efforts focused on collecting and disseminating information about sourcing practices of our Tier 1 suppliers. We cataloged that information in a database using the conflict minerals reporting template developed by the [Responsible Minerals Initiative](#) (formerly the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative, or CFSI).

We continued to refine our supplier review processes for Tier 1 suppliers by excluding any that merely affixed company brands,

trademarks, logos or labels to generic products manufactured by a third party, as permitted by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission guidance. As a result, in-scope Tier 1 suppliers decreased to 212 in 2017 from 321 in 2016.

Through our due diligence process, which aligns with guidance from the [Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development](#), we received 100% participation from our in-scope private brands and proprietary suppliers.

Twenty-six percent of our Tier 1 suppliers indicated that one or more conflict minerals were necessary to the functionality or production of covered products. Of the verified smelters or refiners reported by these suppliers, only 60 out of a total of 308 sourced conflict minerals from covered countries. All but two of these smelters or refiners were members of the Responsible Minerals Initiative (founded by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition and Global e-Sustainability Initiative), the London Bullion Market Association and/or the Responsible Jewellery Council and were certified as DRC conflict-free by the respective organization.

We work closely with our suppliers to ensure they implement responsible sourcing and encourage their smelters to obtain a "conflict-free" designation from an independent third-party auditor.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, 100% of our in-scope private brands and proprietary product suppliers participated in our efforts to collect conflict mineral information.



OUR OPERATIONS





RESOURCES

Greenhouse Gas Protocol



Carbon Disclosure Project



SmartWay



The Home Depot Canada



The Home Depot Mexico



CARBON FOOTPRINT

Improving emissions measurement as we reduce environmental impact

The Home Depot uses the [GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard](#), which has been adopted by over 90% of Fortune 500 companies to calculate metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions and efforts to reduce them. We continually review and refine our emissions measurements to reflect changes to our business and improvements in data collection and reporting.


- In 2016, we added through acquisition the carbon inventory for Crown Bolt and Interline Brands.
- In 2017, we expanded our Scope 3 carbon inventory for upstream transportation and distribution of freight. Scope 3 now reflects over 90% of our annual cost of goods.
- After these changes, our combined carbon inventory for 2017 was 5,907,000 metric tons, a 648,417 metric ton decrease over 2016.

2017 Results

Scope 1: Direct emissions from combustible sources and refrigerants totaled 433,633 metric tons, a 1.1% decrease compared to 2016.

Scope 2: Indirect emissions from purchasing electricity totaled 1,681,640 metric tons, an 11.8% decrease year over year.

Scope 3: Emissions from upstream transportation and distribution of freight totaled 3,791,806 metric tons — a 10% decrease compared to 2016, after accounting for the increases in carbon inventory previously described.

A large field of wind turbines under a cloudy sky. The turbines are arranged in a long line, receding into the distance. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the ground is a flat, open field with some dry grass. The overall scene is a vast, open landscape dedicated to renewable energy.

We earned an A- rating in 2016 from the Carbon Disclosure Project. That placed The Home Depot in the top quartile of our sector.

ASSOCIATE SAFETY

Taking care of our people

At The Home Depot we continually strive to create a safer place to shop and work. To do this, we focus on awareness and training, leadership engagement and innovations for reducing injury risk.

We continue to make progress on safety, and when we do have an incident, we learn from it. We're constantly improving our training programs and how we communicate risk awareness and safety practices with associates and customers. Our injury rates are consistently lower than industry averages for our retail class.



By the NUMBERS



224 stores

joined our Club 365 in 2017, meaning they operated **all year without a significant safety incident**



Associates completed **3,332,490** role-specific InFocus safety modules last year



94% of associates underwent InFocus training in 2017

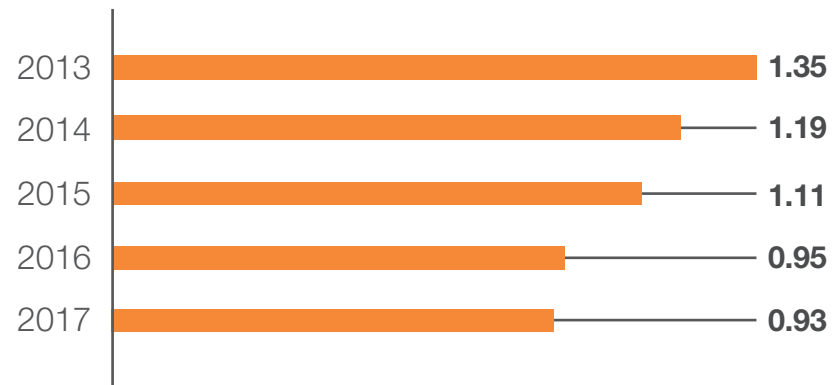
Recordable incident rate (per 200,000 hours)

Work-related injury that typically warrants medical care beyond store-provided first aid



Lost time incident rate (per 200,000 hours)

More significant injury that results in time away from work





Warm-up exercises at the beginning of shifts prepare associates for an injury-free day on the store floor

Associates are trained to put safety into action



WARM UP

Start-of-shift stretches get associates ready for the aisles



GEAR UP

Gloves, safety knives and other personal protection equipment help associates stay safe



FORM UP

Associates are trained and encouraged to use proper form to bend and lift to reduce injuries

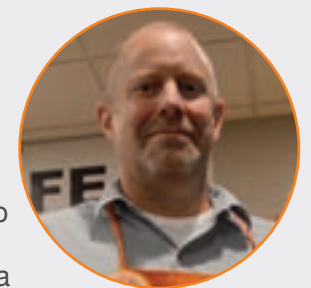


TEAM UP

Associates ask co-workers for help handling heavy products and equipment

Spotlight: Safety is a state of mind for Michigan store

On Lake Huron, where an index finger would fit into the mitten that is Michigan's map, is the city of Alpena. There you'll find Store 2760, a member of our four-year Club 365 — meaning in 2017 it hit the milestone of operating for four straight years without a significant safety incident. "Safety awareness starts during the hiring process and continues every single day of an associate's career," said store manager Lyle Fruchey.



Associates are trained to keep themselves and customers safe. Aisles are clean and clutter-free. (Customers give the store 4.9 out of 5 stars for cleanliness in online reviews.) Associates take InFocus training seriously, and they abide by our Warm Up, Gear Up, Form Up and Team Up principles. As Fruchey explained, "We make safety a state of mind in every aspect of our business."

SMART ENERGY USE

Shrinking our carbon footprint through conservation and innovation

The Home Depot leads by doing, and that's reflected in how we reduce our energy consumption; support efforts to make the energy supply more reliable and efficient in the communities we serve; and support alternative energy innovations that are shaping the future.

In 2017, our stores used 23.5% less electricity than in 2010. That means we surpassed our stated goal to reduce store energy use by 20% — and did so three years ahead of schedule. Last year alone, store energy consumption dropped 3.2%.

Conservation

The simplest way to reduce emissions from energy use is to use less energy. At The Home Depot, we maximize that strategy, constantly looking for ways to cut consumption and improve efficiencies. Our efforts are good for our business, as well as the environment. We achieve results by making improvements kilowatt by kilowatt, year after year. For example, in 2017 we installed energy-efficient heating, air-conditioning and ventilation systems in an additional 91 stores.

By the NUMBERS



700+ stores
help **balance community energy supplies** via demand mitigation



In the last six years, we've installed **energy-efficient HVAC units in 334 stores**



Alternative energy projects were in place at **216 stores** by the end of 2017

Demand Mitigation

By participating in demand mitigation programs run by electric utilities or grid operators, we reduce electricity costs and have an impact on balancing energy supply and demand. It works like this: During peak demand, utilities or grid operators strategically divert electricity, reducing the chance of outages and optimizing the cost of electricity. In addition, at nine stores in California, we use on-site batteries to store electricity during off-peak times for use when demand rises. Both types of demand mitigation help defer construction of new power plants.



DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, our stores used 23.5% less electricity than they did in 2010. We exceeded our goal to cut consumption 20% by 2020.

SMART ENERGY USE

Alternative Energy

We support and tap into sustainable energy that's produced off-site and on-site. All of these sources bring us closer to our goal of leveraging 135 megawatts of alternative and renewable energy by 2020. In addition, when The Home Depot buys or produces alternative energy, we strengthen the business case for such alternatives — leveraging our size, reach and brand recognition to drive positive change.

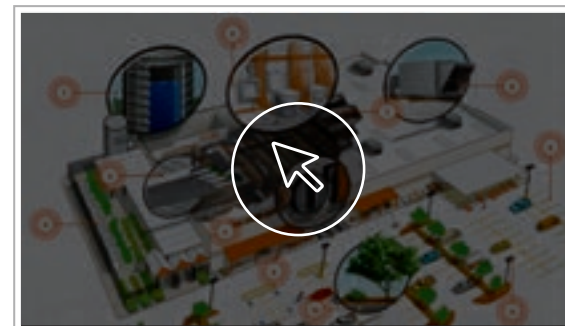
- **Off-site wind:** In early 2017, we became a customer of the Los Mirasoles Wind Farm northeast of McAllen, Texas. The energy purchased from the farm is enough to power 100 stores. We also began purchasing power from the Zopiloapan Wind Farm in central Mexico later in the year.



- **Off-site solar:** Last year, we signed on with a community solar provider in Minnesota, expanding our support of similar initiatives in Delaware and Massachusetts.

- **On-site solar:** We started 2017 with four operational rooftop solar farms. By the end of the year, we had launched 34 new projects and obtained permits for three more. (See our spotlight on the next page for details.)

- **Fuel cells:** We cut polluting emissions significantly — in some cases by 50% — when our stores use fuel cells instead of traditional power sources. These mini power plants were installed outside 178 THD stores by the end of 2017, producing roughly 90% of the electricity needs of each store. Fuel cells are a good option for stores with aging roofs that will need to be replaced within 15 years; that's how long a rooftop solar project needs to stay in place to yield an appropriate return on investment. More fuel cell installations are underway at stores in 2018.



Check out an interactive infographic highlighting energy-saving and other sustainability enhancements we're using in some stores.



Long-term Savings

We continue to benefit from previous years' investments, such as:

- Installing upgraded building automation systems in all U.S. and Canadian stores in 2013 and 2014
- Retrofitting lighting in more than 1,300 stores, converting from 6- to 4-lamp fixtures
- Installing variable frequency drives (VFDs) in more than 600 stores to ensure motorized equipment only uses the electricity needed to meet immediate demands

Spotlight: Powering up the big box with sunshine

The average Home Depot store is about 104,000 square feet, meaning there's more than a soccer field of space on the roof of each one. In 2017, we launched projects to transform 34 of those rooftops into solar farms. By the end of the year, 38 stores in California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands were capturing energy from the sun. These zero-emissions solar farms reduce each store's annual electricity grid demand by an estimated 30-35%. That's the equivalent of powering 2,300 average U.S. homes for a year.

Permitting slowdowns delayed some installations planned in 2017; these projects continue in 2018. The goal is to have sun-fueled power plants atop more than 50 stores.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Greening our path to customers' homes



SmartWay Recognition

In 2017, The Home Depot was awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2017 **SmartWay**®

Sustained Excellence Award for the fifth consecutive year. We earned this recognition through clean transportation best practices. Our ongoing Supply Chain Synchronization initiative has enabled us to optimize the way we store and move products, reduce truckloads by filling trucks more efficiently, lower our fuel consumption and emissions and more.

The Home Depot was a **charter member** of the SmartWay program, which since 2004 has helped its partners avoid emitting 103 million tons of polluting emissions into the air. Through SmartWay, we participate in greenhouse gases data collection and reporting and encourage others to do, as well. We require all THD carriers to be SmartWay partners, and we audit our carriers annually to ensure their data is properly submitted to the EPA. The Home Depot is proud to be among the EPA's 3,500 SmartWay partners, and we're honored to be one of only 11 that earned the program's excellence distinction for shipping in 2017.



By the NUMBERS



In 2017, we **reduced greenhouse gases** from U.S. logistics by 310,680 metric tons, or **nearly**

8%

That's equivalent to **taking over 66,500 cars off the road** for a year



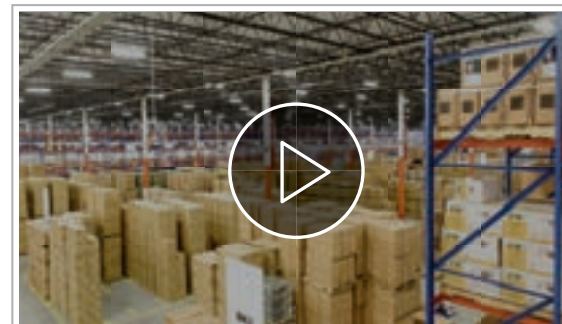
Loading efficiencies allowed us to **eliminate 118,231 truckloads** in the U.S., a reduction of **more than**

3%



We traveled **197.7 million fewer shipping miles** in the U.S., a reduction of **more than**

7%



Hear the story of our supply chain's 10-year sustainability journey.



Our new bulk distribution center in Utah has larger doors, an inside rail dock and other design innovations to maximize efficiency

Spotlight: Going off the grid with fuel cells

Hydrogen fuel cells power forklifts at our 1.6 million-square-foot direct fulfillment center in Troy Township, Ohio, and our 1.4 million-square-foot stocking distribution center in Savannah, Georgia. Fuel cells produce no emissions and don't draw power from the grid.

The 172 fuel cells in Troy Township (right) and 132 fuel cells in Savannah save these two supply chain facilities a combined 3.98 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually. That's the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent of taking 635 cars off the road for a year.



WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING

Protecting our customers, our people and the environment

The Home Depot is committed to properly managing waste and hazardous waste. We partner with vendors to constantly improve how we reduce, reuse and recycle waste.

Hazardous Materials Disposal & Handling

We seek sustainable methods of disposal, and, in 2017, our company recycled or reused for energy 32% of the hazardous waste generated from our operations and customer returns. We properly disposed of the remaining waste.

Associate Training & Resources

All associates receive training on recognizing hazardous materials. Associates responsible for managing storage and cleanup of hazardous materials complete in-depth environmental compliance training.

Information about and guidance for the cleanup, classification, labeling and storage of hazardous waste is available to associates through company-issued handheld devices and our associate intranet site.

Preventative Actions

We take specific steps to avoid spills and contamination across the store with particular focus on these areas:

Garden center—Proper handling of fertilizer and pesticides bags, including checking for and properly repairing damaged bags

Receiving and central storage—Appropriate procedures for handling, accumulating, storing, labeling and inventorying hazardous waste and separating potentially incompatible materials

Inspections of key areas—Routine inspections of Garden areas, parking lots and store entrances identify potential problems; scheduled sweeps of fertilizer aisles and parking lots protect against hazardous materials entering the environment

Responsive Actions

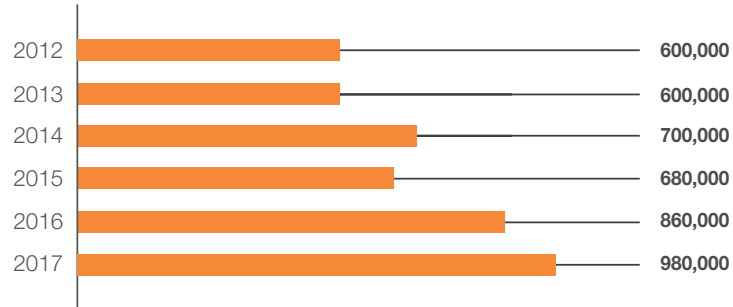
Spill kits and containers—Located throughout each store for prompt and effective cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials such as paint, solvents, aerosols, oil, fuel, pesticides and fertilizers

Emergency response—A third-party consultant provides an emergency response team available 24/7 to assist with hazardous materials cleanup and, if necessary, provide remediation services



Compact fluorescent light bulbs

We recycle CFLs dropped off by customers. Amounts below are in pounds.

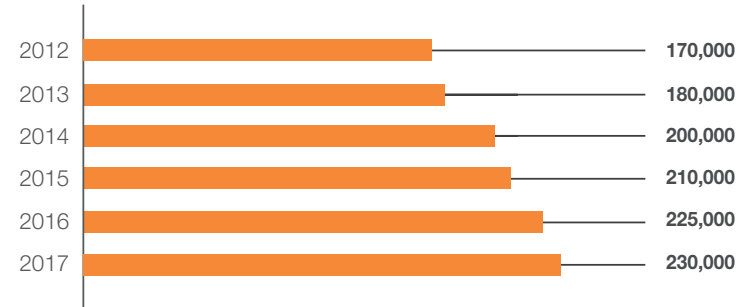


63% increase since 2012



Cardboard

The amount of cardboard we recycle from our operations continues to rise. Amounts below are in tons.

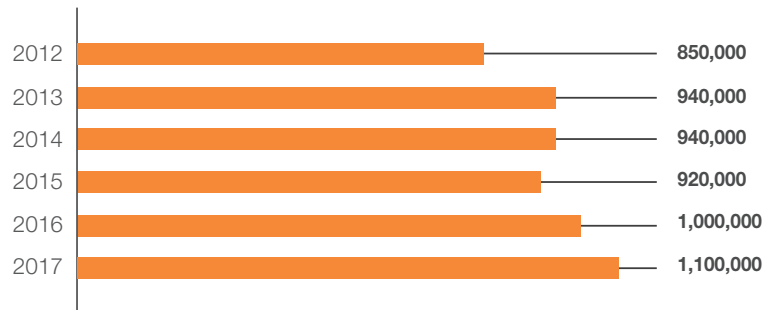


35% increase since 2012



Rechargeable batteries

We recycle rechargeable batteries dropped off by customers. Amounts below are in pounds.

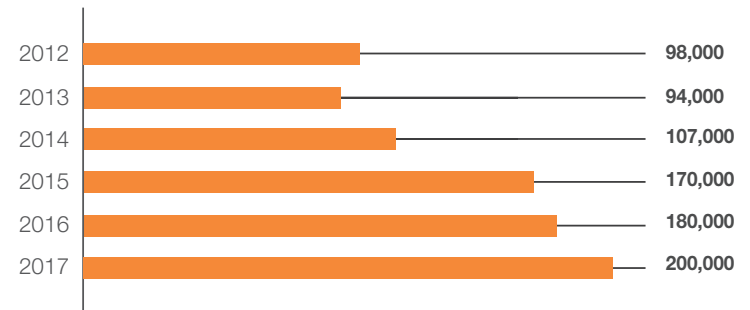


29% increase since 2012



Lead-acid batteries

We recycle lead-acid automotive batteries dropped off by customers. Figures below represent the number of battery cores.



104% increase since 2012

EMERGENCY PREPARATION & RESPONSE

Doing our part before, during and after disaster strikes

When natural disasters hit the communities we serve, Home Depot stores are among the last to close and first to reopen. That's how we ensure our customers have what they need before and after disaster strikes.

Our merchandising, supply chain and operations teams work together to get products and equipment to areas of impact. We connect with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, state agencies, first responders, relief organizations and others to ensure we receive and provide credible information. We take pride in setting the example for [disaster preparation and recovery](#).

Through funds from [The Home Depot Foundation](#) and hands-on assistance from our crew of [Team Depot](#) associate volunteers, we help communities repair and rebuild. Our [Homer Fund](#) provides financial assistance for associates affected by disaster. In 2017, an unprecedented year of storms, wildfires, floods and earthquakes, we were there for our customers, associates and communities like never before.

By the NUMBERS



We operated our hurricane command center for **50+ days** in 2017



200+ stores were in the path of a storm



We delivered more than **7,000 shipments** of hurricane-related supplies to affected areas



In an all-Spanish podcast, Hector Padilla and Carlos Fines discuss the impact that the 2017 hurricanes had on Puerto Rico.

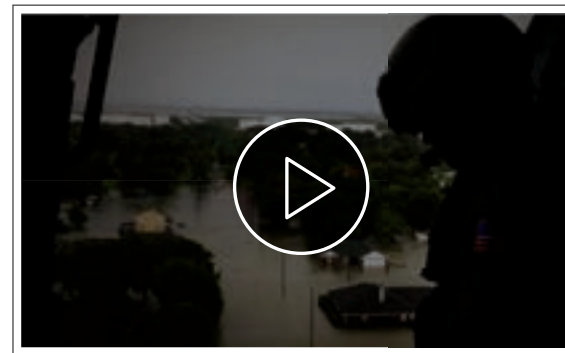


In 2017, thousands of associates pitched in to help devastated communities start rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey and other storms

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**HOME DEPOT CULTURE IS TO JUMP IN,
BOOTS ON THE GROUND, TO HELP.**

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Find out what motivated orange-blooded associates who volunteered to help Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas.

CANADA

Operating with a mission to serve

Our focus on associates, customers and communities has helped us earn recognition as one of Canada's best diversity employers, as well as one of its greenest. In 2017, we were named an ENERGY STAR Retailer of the Year, and we partnered with utilities to help our customers conserve energy and save money. Our partnerships with colleges, universities and learning centers enable us to attract diverse talent. We're particularly proud of our work to end youth homelessness in Canada.

By the NUMBERS



1,700+
Eco Options
products across
multiple categories



43 stores
converted to interior LED lighting,
saving enough energy to power
1,800 homes for a year



In 2017, over 3,000
associates volunteered
60,000+ hours
in the communities we serve

2017 Recognition





Bringing Housing & Hope to Homeless Youth

Since 2014, The Home Depot Canada Foundation has invested more than CA\$17.5 million to initiatives designed to prevent and end youth homelessness. We work with the following national and regional partners:

- 360°kids Support Services (Markham, ON)
- A Way Home Canada Coalition (Toronto, ON)
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary (Calgary, AB)
- Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (Calgary, AB)
- Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (Toronto, ON)
- Covenant House Vancouver (Vancouver, BC)
- Dans la rue (Montreal, QC)
- Egale (Toronto, ON)
- Eva's Initiatives (Toronto, ON)
- Phoenix Youth Programs (Halifax, NS)
- Raising the Roof (Toronto, ON)
- Youth Empowerment and Support Services (Edmonton, AB)
- Youth Services Bureau (Ottawa, ON)
- Youth Without Shelter (Etobicoke, ON)

MEXICO

Connecting with customers and communities

The Home Depot began operating in Mexico 17 years ago, and now we have 122 stores across all 32 states. We employ more than 14,500 associates; last year they collectively received more than a million hours of training. We sell 30,000 products, including over 350 designated with the Hipotecha Verde eco-friendly label.

By the NUMBERS



80%

of our vendors are local **companies based in Mexico**



In 2017, associates took part in

725 projects

through Team Depot



Last year, we **recycled or reused**

941,000

wooden pallets

2017 Recognition





Spotlight: Helping victims of Mexico's earthquakes

After devastating earthquakes struck Mexico in September, we jumped in to help. We donated US\$1 million for emergency assistance and housing reconstruction. We also provided tools for rescue efforts. People donated more than 100 tons of food and tools at our collection points set up to gather supplies for earthquake victims. We also joined forces with nonprofits TECHO and Operation Blessing to rebuild 110 houses.



Learn more about our community and sustainability efforts in Mexico in 2017.

OUR BUSINESS





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[Business Code of Conduct & Ethics](#)



[Corporate Governance](#)



[2018 Proxy Statement](#)



[2017 Annual Report](#)



[Privacy & Security Statement](#)



CODE OF CONDUCT

Promoting a culture of ethical accountability

At The Home Depot, doing the right thing is embedded in our culture. That applies to how we serve customers, give back to communities, support our people and conduct our business. Our [Business Code of Conduct and Ethics](#) provides straightforward information about The Home Depot's operating principles and offers tools to help associates make decisions that align with our ethical and legal obligations. The code applies to associates worldwide, and the company expects them to comply with the code and with all applicable laws and regulations in countries in which we do business. In particular, the code outlines The Home Depot's ethical and legal standards in these areas:

- Safety
- Labor and employment
- Conflicts of interest
- Antitrust and fair competition
- Confidentiality, privacy and information protection
- Protecting the company's assets and intellectual property
- Insider trading
- Financial integrity and reporting
- Records retention
- Environmental responsibility
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and anti-bribery
- Political activity

We empower associates to speak up when our ethical standards are not being met. We encourage them to voice concerns, express doubts, discuss problems and ask questions. In addition to sharing concerns with any member of their management team or a human resources partner, associates can report ethical or legal concerns to our Associate AwareLine, a 24/7 hotline answered by a live operator and available in local languages. Associates may remain anonymous when reporting concerns. Calls are handled using a case management system. We have a longstanding policy that prohibits retaliation for making a report.

Associate AwareLine

1-800-286-4909

We also provide ways for suppliers, vendors, service providers and their workers to report concerns when they think our Home Depot values or compliance with the law may be compromised. Workers in all 38 countries from which we source goods may submit anonymous reports via tnw.reportlineweb.com/custom/HDVendorRelations. In addition, our Supplier AlertLine is answered by a live operator 24/7 in these countries:

Supplier AlertLine

U.S. and Canada: 1-800-435-3152

Mexico: 001-888-765-8153

China: 400-880-1045



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Living our values in how we do business

The Home Depot strives to be the employer, retailer, investment and neighbor of choice in our industry. We understand our responsibility to behave ethically, to understand the impact we have on people and communities, and to fairly consider the interests of a broad base of constituencies.

Our Responsibilities

The [Board of Directors](#) is committed to maximizing long-term shareholder value while supporting management in running business and operations, observing the highest ethical standards and adhering to laws of jurisdictions where we operate.

At least once a year, our Board discusses our sustainability strategy and activities, including this report.

Leadership Structure

We believe having a combined chairman, chief executive officer (CEO) and president; an independent lead director; and Board committees composed entirely of independent directors currently provides the best Board leadership structure for The Home Depot.

This structure, together with other robust corporate governance practices, provides independent oversight of management while ensuring strategic alignment throughout the company.

Best Practices in Corporate Governance

- Directors are elected annually via majority voting
- Shareholders can act by written consent and call special meetings
- Shareholders have a proxy access right
- Lead director, all Board committee members and over 90% of directors are independent
- Board and committees conduct annual self-evaluations
- Directors have mandatory retirement age and limits on outside board service
- Board conducts annual strategy session and review of strategic plan
- Director education program, including quarterly store walks
- No shareholder rights plan or “poison pill”
- Compensation recoupment policy and clawback provisions in equity awards
- Anti-hedging policy applicable to all associates, officers and directors
- Stock ownership and retention guidelines for executive officers



Enterprise Risk Framework

Our enterprise risk framework is used to identify and manage our key risks. It enables us to consider external and internal factors that could distract the company from our business or derail strategic objectives. The Board reviews the framework and key risks annually, and the Board and/or appropriate committees discuss selected risks in more detail throughout the year.

Board Committees & Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors has established four [standing committees](#) comprised solely of independent directors and governed by a written charter that sets forth purpose, composition, powers, duties and responsibilities. The Board's oversight of risk is accomplished by identifying key risks facing the company and mapping those risks to the appropriate Board committee and/or to the full Board, based on the nature of the risk.

The standing committees and examples of their key oversight areas include:

- [Audit Committee](#)—oversees the company's major financial exposures and compliance risks and the steps management has taken to monitor and control them; also oversees risks related to data protection and cybersecurity and our social environmental responsibility (SER) program

- [Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee](#)—reviews and makes recommendations to the Board about policies concerning corporate social responsibility (CSR) matters; reviews the company's political contributions and payments to trade associations that engage in lobbying
- [Leadership Development & Compensation Committee](#)—oversees risks related to compensation programs, including the company's compensation policies and practices and our diversity and inclusion efforts
- [Finance Committee](#)—oversees risks related to our capital structure, financial resources, use of derivatives and accelerated share repurchase agreements, as well as related financial matters

Learn More



Our [proxy statement](#) offers more details about corporate governance and risk management. Go to our [Corporate Governance Overview](#) for additional information on our corporate governance practices.

DATA SECURITY

Protecting the data of our customers and our business

The Home Depot values and respects the privacy of its customers and visitors. Our [Privacy and Security Statement](#) provides information about how we collect, use and share information we collect from our customers and visitors.

We leverage the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework as the foundation of our cybersecurity program. As cybersecurity attackers become increasingly more sophisticated, our program prioritizes threat mitigation, while focusing on maintaining the integrity and resiliency of our systems. We invest in our ability to identify, protect and detect security risks within our environment.

In the event that we identify a security issue, we have defined procedures to respond and recover as quickly as possible. Overseeing our efforts on a day-to-day basis is our Information Technology Security team, led by an officer-level chief information security officer. Our approach enables us to drive a collectively secure culture.

Governance, Risk & Compliance

- The Home Depot has a Data Security and Privacy Governance Committee, composed of a cross-functional group of senior leadership, that oversees the security and privacy of customer and business information.
- Information security and privacy policies are in place and periodically reviewed.
- Targeted audits and penetration tests are conducted throughout the year by internal and external entities.
- We are compliant with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.
- We engage an industry-leading third party to independently evaluate our information security maturity on an annual basis.

Data Protection

- The Home Depot has established data classification and retention policies focused on limiting the risk of unauthorized exposure of customer and/or business data.
- Data protection strategies are in place and focused on data devaluation and data access monitoring.

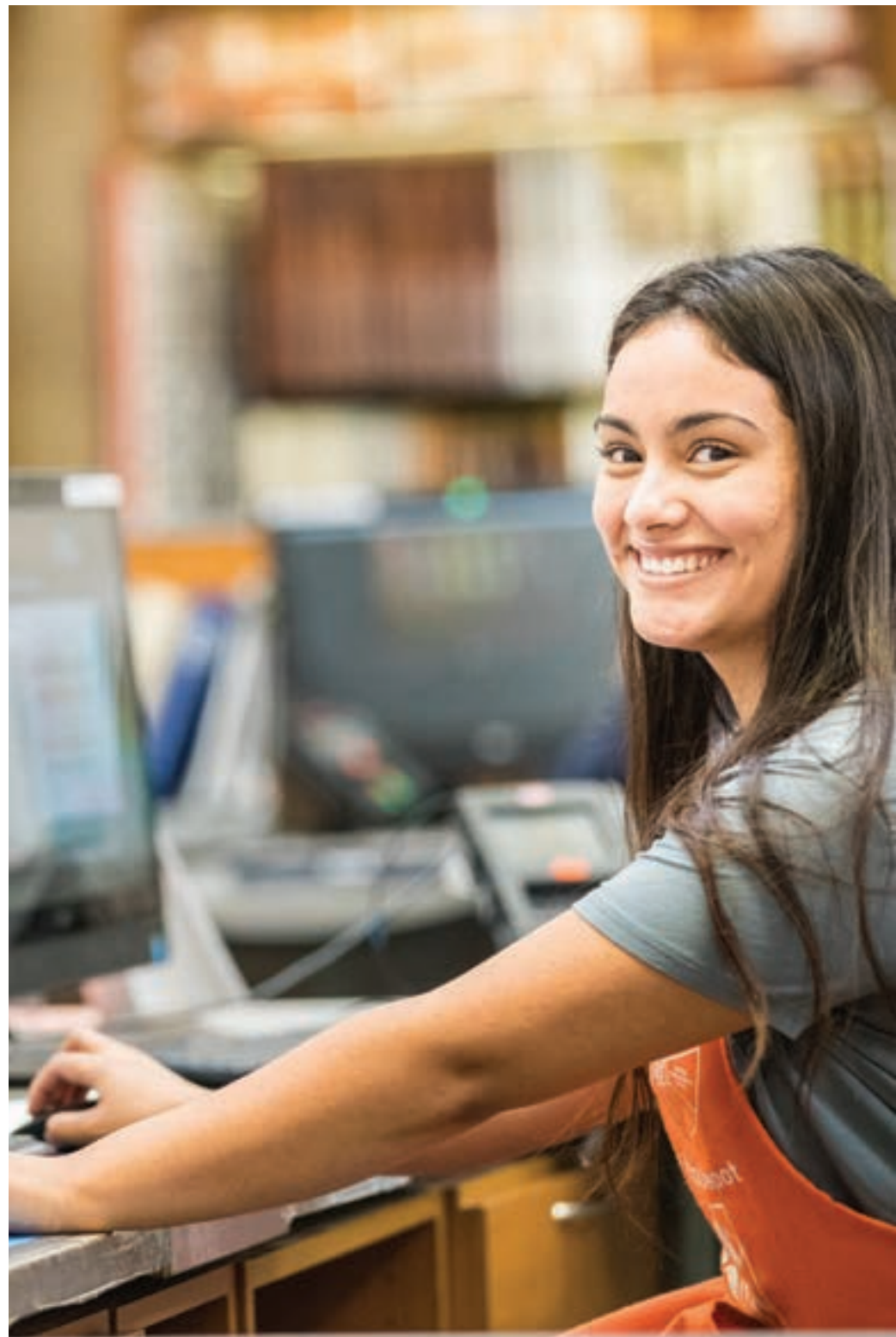
- Sensitive data attributes are classified into domains with defined security expectations for data-at-rest and data-in-transit.

Vendor Security

- The Home Depot's vendor risk management program works to classify service provider or business partner risk based on several factors, including, but not limited to, data type accessed and/or retained.
- Service provider or business partner security risk assessments are conducted for targeted relationships.
- Where applicable, service providers and business partners are contractually obligated to protect restricted data provided by or received from The Home Depot.

Security Awareness

- Security and privacy training and awareness are provided to all associates, and additional customized, role-based training and awareness are provided to targeted internal audiences.



GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE FRAMEWORK

We have applied the [Global Reporting Initiative \(GRI\) G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines](#) as an identification and cross-reference tool to make meaningful data accessible to our stakeholders. The following charts provide a cross-reference location guide to our reports.



RESOURCES

Form 10-K – 2017 Annual Report on SEC Form 10-K



Carbon Disclosure Project



2018 Proxy Statement



Corporate Website



Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee (NCGC) Charter



Leadership Development & Compensation Committee (LDCC) Charter



Corporate Governance Guidelines



Business Code of Conduct & Ethics



Board Candidate Policy



Political Activity Policy



GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Strategy and Analysis Organizational Profile	G4-1	CEO Statements	CEO Letter (RR pg. 6)
	G4-2	Key impacts, risks and opportunities	2018 Responsibility Report, Form 10-K pgs. 1-14
	G4-3	Organization name	The Home Depot, Inc.
	G4-4	Primary brands, products and services	Form 10-K pgs. 1-7
	G4-5	Headquarters location	Atlanta, GA
	G4-6	Where the organization operates	Form 10-K pgs. 1-7, 14-16, Corporate Website - About Us
	G4-7	Nature of ownership and legal form	Form 10-K pg. 1
	G4-8	Markets served	Form 10-K pgs. 1-7, 14-16, Corporate Website - About Us
	G4-9	Scale of the organization	Form 10-K
	G4-10	Total workforce by employment type, gender, employment contract and region	N/A
	G4-11	Collective bargaining agreements	Form 10-K pgs. 2-3
	G4-12	Supply chain description	Form 10-K pgs. 1-7
	G4-13	Organizational changes during the reporting period	Form 10-K
	G4-14	If/How the precautionary approach or principle is addressed by the organization	N/A
	G4-15	External charters, principles or other initiatives	Chemical Strategy (RR pg. 39), Water (RR pg. 48), Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Supply Chain (RR pg. 68), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-16	Membership associations	Diversity & Inclusion (RR pg. 18), Chemical Strategy (RR pg. 39), Water (RR pg. 48), Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Supply Chain (RR pg. 68)

GRI Indicator	Description	Cross Reference Location	
Identified Material	G4-17	Entities included in financial statements	Form 10-K
	G4-18	Process for defining report boundaries and content	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Doing Things Better Every Day (RR pg. 10)
	G4-19	List all the material Aspects identified	N/A
	G4-20	If the Aspect is material within the organization; The list of entities included in G4-17 for which the Aspect is or is not material. Specific limitation regarding the Aspect Boundary within the organization	N/A
	G4-21	If the Aspect is material outside the organization; The list of entities for which the Aspect is material, relate to geographical location; Specific limitation regarding the Aspect Boundary outside the organization	N/A
Identified Material Aspects & Boundaries	G4-22	Explanation of the effect of any restatements	N/A
	G4-23	Significant changes from previous reporting periods in the Scope and Aspect Boundaries	N/A
	G4-24	Stakeholder groups	Our Approach (RR pg. 8)
Stakeholder Engmt. Report Profile	G4-25	How stakeholders were identified	Our Approach (RR pg. 8)
	G4-26	Report Profile Governance	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Doing Things Better Every Day (RR pg. 10)
	G4-27	Topics raised during stakeholder engagements	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Doing Things Better Every Day (RR pg. 10)
	G4-28	Reporting period	Jan. 30, 2017 to Jan. 28, 2018 (Fiscal 2017)
	G4-29	Date of most recent report	2017 Responsibility Report October 2017
	G4-30	Reporting cycle	Annual Report
	G4-31	Reporting contact	ron_jarvis@homedepot.com

GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Report Profile Governance	G4-32	In accordance option, GRI Index and report assurance	This report contains Standard Disclosures from the GRI G4 Sustainability Report Guidelines
	G4-33	Policy and current practice with regard to seeking external assurance for the report	N/A
	G4-34	Governance structure of the organization	Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 5-23, Corporate Website - Investor Relations > Corporate Governance, NCGC Charter, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-35	Process for delegating authority for sustainability topics from the board to senior executives and other employees	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82)
	G4-36	High-level accountability for sustainability topics	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82)
	G4-37	Processes for consultation between stakeholders and the highest governance body on economic, environmental and social topics (to whom, any feedback)	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pg. 13, NCGC Charter, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-38	Composition of the board and its committees	Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 5-23, Corporate Website - Investor Relations > Corporate Governance
	G4-39	Whether the chair of the board is also an executive officer	Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 5-23
	G4-40	Nomination and selection processes for the board and its committees	Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 5-23, Policy on Consideration and Evaluation of Board Candidates, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-41	Board conflicts of interest	Proxy Statement pgs. 9-16, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-42	Board and executives' roles in the organization's mission statements, strategies, policies and goals related to how sustainability impacts employees	CEO Letter (RR pg. 6), Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Doing Things Better Every Day (RR pg. 10), Proxy Statement Letter to Shareholders and pgs. 7-11, NCGC Charter, Corporate Governance Guidelines

GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Report Profile Governance	G4-43	Board knowledge of sustainability topics	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 7-16
	G4-44	Board performance with respect to governance of sustainability topics	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement Letter to Shareholders and pgs. 7-16, NCGC Charter
	G4-45	Board role in the identification and management of sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 7-16, Corporate Website - Investor Relations > Corporate Governance, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-46	Board role in reviewing risk management processes for sustainability topics	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 7-16, Corporate Website - Investor Relations > Corporate Governance, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-47	Frequency of the board's review of sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 7-16, Corporate Website - Investor Relations > Corporate Governance
	G4-48	Highest committee or position that formally reviews and approves the organization's sustainability report	CEO
	G4-49	Process for communicating critical concerns to the board	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Corporate Governance (RR pg. 82), Proxy Statement pgs. 7-16, Business Code of Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-50	The nature and total number of critical concerns that were communicated to the highest governance body and the mechanism(s) used to address and resolve them	N/A
	G4-51	Remuneration policies for the board and senior executives	Proxy Statement pgs. 38-69, Corporate Governance Guidelines, LDCC Charter

GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Report Profile Governance	G4-52	Process for determining remuneration	Proxy Statement pgs. 38-69, Corporate Governance Guidelines, LDCC Charter
	G4-53	Stakeholders' views on remuneration	Proxy Statement pgs. 27, 41, 44
	G4-54	The ratio of the annual total compensation for the organization's highest-paid individual in each country of significant operations to the median annual total compensation for all employees (excluding the highest-paid individual) in the same country	Proxy Statement pg. 65
	G4-55	The ratio of percentage increase in annual total compensation for the organization's highest-paid individual in each country of significant operations to the median percentage increase in annual total compensation for all employees (excluding the highest-paid individual) in the same country	N/A
Ethics & Integrity	G4-56	Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct (RR pg. 80), Business Code of Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines
	G4-57	Helplines or advice lines for employees	Code of Conduct (RR pg. 80), Business Code of Conduct and Ethics
	G4-58	Mechanisms for reporting concerns about unethical or unlawful behavior	Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Code of Conduct (RR pg. 80), Business Code of Conduct and Ethics
Economic Performance	G4-DMA	Disclosure on Management Approach	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Form 10-K, 2017 CDP Report
	G4-EC1	Economic Value	Form 10-K
	G4-EC2	Climate Change Risk	2017 CDP Report, Form 10-K
	G4-EC3	Benefit Plan Coverage	Learning & Development (RR pg. 24), Associate Engagement (RR pg. 26), Associate Benefits (RR pg. 28), Form 10-K
	G4-EC7	Infrastructure Investments	The Home Depot Foundation (RR pg. 32), Team Depot (RR pg. 34), The Homer Fund (RR pg. 35)
	G4-EC8	Indirect Economic Impacts	The Home Depot Foundation (RR pg. 32), Team Depot (RR pg. 34), The Homer Fund (RR pg. 35), Form 10-K

GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Environmental	G4-DMA	Disclosure on Management Approach	Our Approach (RR pg. 8), Form 10-K, 2017 CDP Report, Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN3	Energy Consumption	2017 CDP Report, Energy (RR pg. 50), Smart Energy Use (RR pg. 64), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN5	Energy Intensity	Use (RR pg. 64), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN6	Reduction of Energy Consumption	2017 CDP Report, Energy (RR pg. 50), Smart Energy Use (RR pg. 64), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN7	Reduction of Energy Use through products	2017 CDP Report, Energy (RR pg. 50), Smart Energy Use (RR pg. 64), Form 10-K, Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN9	Affected Water use	Water (RR pg. 48), Smart Energy Use (RR pg. 64), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN12	Impacts on Biodiversity	Gardening (RR pg. 44), Water (RR pg. 48), Sustainable Forestry (RR pg. 54), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN13	Habitats Protected	Gardening (RR pg. 44), Water (RR pg. 48), Sustainable Forestry (RR pg. 54), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN15	Direct Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Scope 1	2017 CDP Report, Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN16	Indirect Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Scope 2	2017 CDP Report, Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN17	Indirect Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Scope 3	2017 CDP Report, Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN18	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions intensity	2017 CDP Report, Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN19	Reduction on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions	2017 CDP Report, Carbon Footprint (RR pg. 60), Corporate Website - Responsibility
G4-EN23	Waste by type and disposal method	Waste Management & Recycling (RR pg. 70), Corporate Website - Responsibility	

GRI Indicator		Description	Cross Reference Location
Environmental	G4-EN27	Mitigation of Environmental impacts of products and services	Eco Options (RR pg. 38), Chemical Strategy (RR pg. 39), Gardening (RR pg. 44), Water (RR pg. 48), Energy (RR pg. 50), Sustainable Packaging (RR pg. 51), Sustainable Forestry (RR pg. 54), Smart Energy Use (RR pg. 64), Supply Chain (RR pg. 68), Waste Management & Recycling (RR pg. 70), Form 10-K, Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-EN30	Environmental impacts of transporting products	2017 CDP Report, Supply Chain (RR pg. 68), Form 10-K, Corporate Website - Responsibility
Training/Education Human Rights Society	G4-LA6	Types and rates of injury, occupational diseases, lost days, and absenteeism and number of work-related fatalities	Associate Safety (RR pg. 62)
	G4-LA9	Average hours of training per year per employee	Learning & Development (RR pg. 24)
	G4-LA10	Programs for skills management and lifelong learning	Diversity & Inclusion (RR pg. 18), Learning & Development (RR pg. 24), The Home Depot Foundation (RR pg. 32)
	G4-LA12	Composition of governance bodies and employees	Diversity & Inclusion (RR pg. 18), Proxy Statement pg. 15-23, Form 10-K
	G4-HR6	Suppliers identified as having significant risk for employees	Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Conflict Mineral (RR pg. 56), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-HR10	New suppliers screened for human rights criteria	Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Conflict Mineral (RR pg. 56), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-HR11	Human rights impact in the supply chain	Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Conflict Mineral (RR pg. 56), Corporate Website - Responsibility
	G4-SO4	Communication and training on Anti-Corruption policies	Social & Environmental Responsibility (RR pg. 52), Code of Conduct (RR pg. 80), Business Code of Conduct and Ethics