

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/

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WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

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The following notice will appear on Whirlpool Corporation's corporate intranet site:

Whirlpool stockholders: Vote your shares

Whirlpool Corporation's 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on April 18, 2017. Employees who own stock through the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan, the Employee Stock Purchase Plan or who are registered stockholders are encouraged to read the proxy materials and vote by visiting <http://www.proxyvote.com>. The voting instructions differ based on how an employee owns shares:

• **401(k) Plan and Registered Stockholders:** Employees who hold stock through the 401(k) Plan must vote by 11:00 a.m. Eastern time on Friday, April 14, 2017, and employees who are registered stockholders must vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on Monday, April 17, 2017 if voting by internet or telephone. Employees who are eligible to vote using

the [proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) website have received or will be receiving an email from WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION with the subject line "Confidential: To Be Opened By Addressee Only - WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION Annual Meeting." This is not spam email! The message includes a control number and further instructions about how to vote.

- **Broker:** Employees who own Whirlpool Corporation stock through a broker will receive instructions, electronically or through the mail, from their brokers about how to vote their shares.

What is the annual meeting of stockholders?

Whirlpool Corporation holds its annual meeting of stockholders every April on the third Tuesday of the month. At the meeting, stockholders receive an update on the state of the business and are able to cast their votes on items such as election of directors and other proposals.

What is the proxy statement?

The company's board of directors encourages stockholders to vote their shares by proxy so that stockholders' interests are fully represented, whether or not the stockholders are at the annual meeting to vote in person. The annual proxy statement discloses information about the company and the annual meeting of stockholders, including the company's financial performance, board members' qualifications, executive compensation and stockholder proposals that are up for vote.

How do I obtain the proxy statement and other materials?

In preparation for the April 18th meeting, Whirlpool Corporation has filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and mailed a "Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials" to all stockholders who have not previously requested an alternative delivery method. This notice provides the website where the proxy materials can be viewed and shares can be voted.

The notice also includes instructions for requesting a paper copy of the proxy materials via telephone, Internet or email. These materials may be obtained free of charge upon request at www.proxyvote.com, or by calling 1-800-579-1639. Stockholders who prefer to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials can do so at no charge and can make this election for the current annual meeting or for all future annual meetings.

Investors may also view the proxy statement and related materials free of charge on the Investor page on the Whirlpool Corporation website.

Whirlpool Corporation, its directors and executive officers and certain other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies. Information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the proxy statement and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.