

IF I HAD 1.5 MILLION LIGHT BULBS.....

The Home Depot Canada issues a challenge to Canadians with 1.5 million ways to help the environment

(Toronto, Ontario) – (November 20, 2007) – The Home Depot® Canada is rallying its employees and calling on its customers to recycle 1.5 million compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs by 2011. The challenge, issued today, coincides with the in-store launch of its national CFL Bulb recycling program at all 160 The Home Depot locations.

“To achieve our goal, all we need to do is recycle just one bulb from 1.5 million homes” said Annette Verschuren, President of The Home Depot Canada and Asia, at an event to rally employees and customers to participate in the challenge. “It’s a bold but achievable goal because we’re making it easy for Canadians to make environmentally conscious decisions from purchase to disposal. We’re the leader in CFL bulbs, offering more choice for Canadians and selling more CFL bulbs to Canadians than any other retailer. With stores located in every province, this program is now the first national and widely-available solution to providing Canadians with a convenient way to recycle CFL bulbs, at no charge to our customers.”

Because CFL bulbs should not be disposed of with regular household waste, Canadians can now bring in their expired CFLs to any The Home Depot store, and be assured that each bulb will be recycled safely. The recycled components will be used in creating a host of new products, including glass bottles and jars, baseball bats and products for the lighting industries.

Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFL bulbs is an easy change customers can make to reduce energy use at home and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. As the largest retailer of light bulbs in the country, The Home Depot is on track to sell seven million CFL bulbs in 2007, which will provide Canadians approximately \$315 million in energy savings and save 755,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases over the life of the bulbs.

“We believe that The Home Depot is a true member of the communities where we live and work and we demonstrate our leadership by making the environment a core part of our business – from the products we offer to the programs we support and especially our commitment to saving energy with CFL bulbs,” she said.