

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
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**Whirlpool stockholders: Be sure to vote**

Whirlpool Corporation's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on April 17, 2012. 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>. Employees who hold stock through the 401(k) Plan must vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

Employees who are eligible to vote using this website have received or will be receiving an email from [id@proxyvote.com](mailto:id@proxyvote.com) with the subject line: WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION Annual Meeting. The email includes a control number and further instructions on how to vote.

Employees who own Whirlpool Corporation stock through a broker will receive instructions from their broker on how to vote their shares.

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.

In preparation for the April 17 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. 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](http://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 obtain the proxy statement and related materials free of charge on the Investor page within the Whirlpool Corporation website at [www.whirlpoolcorp.com](http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com), or via the SEC's 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.