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## **Food Waste Disposers Included in National Green Building Standard**

*Green certification reaffirms environmental benefits of garbage disposals*

**RACINE, Wis.** – (March 10, 2009) – InSinkErator®, a division of St. Louis-based Emerson Electric Co. (NYSE: EMR) and the world's largest manufacturer of food waste disposers (garbage disposals), has recently been recognized by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for the positive role disposers play as part of an environmentally responsible home waste management system.

The installation of disposers will now contribute one point towards a building's achievement of the organization's National Green Building Standard™ certification, the nation's first and only American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-approved residential green building rating system. There are a minimum number of points required for each of the seven guiding principles, at various levels, to ensure that all aspects of green building are addressed when constructing an environmentally friendly building. The standard defines what green practices can be incorporated into residential development and construction and how homeowners can operate and maintain green homes.

“The decision to assign one certification point to builders for installing disposers signifies an important step in educating builders and consumers – nationally and internationally – that food waste disposers play a beneficial role in environmental responsibility,” said David MacNair, vice president of marketing at InSinkErator. “It's a very rewarding accomplishment for us, and we're very excited to be associated with the Green Building Standard.”

### **Environmentally Responsible?**

There's no question that the green building movement has taken off significantly in recent years. With climate change high on the nation's environmental agenda, homeowners are now demanding new products for their homes that can help reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy. But how is a food waste disposer environmentally responsible?

Because food waste is 70 percent water, it is best treated by grinding it in a disposer and sending it down a drain to be processed in municipal wastewater treatment plants. Many large municipal treatment plants

capture the methane that's a byproduct of treatment and convert it into renewable energy. Wastewater treatment plants can also recycle the biosolids, turning it into compost-like fertilizer. Using a disposer helps reduce biodegradable waste put into the trash, in turn reducing the waste sent to landfills. More than two dozen independent studies confirm that disposers can play an essential and compelling role in solving the waste management challenge.

And disposers themselves have a modest environmental footprint, using less than one percent of a household's water consumption and less than 50 cents a year in electricity to operate. Composed primarily of metal, they can be recycled at the end of their useful life

For more information, visit InSinkErator at [www.insinkerator.com](http://www.insinkerator.com) or NAHB at [www.nahb.org](http://www.nahb.org).

### **About InSinkErator, a division of Emerson Electric Co.**

Headquartered in Racine, Wisconsin, InSinkErator, a division of Emerson Electric Co., is the world's largest manufacturer of food waste disposers and instant hot water dispensers. For more information about InSinkErator products, call 1-800-558-5700 or visit the company's Web site at [www.insinkerator.com](http://www.insinkerator.com).

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