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## **Get free compact fluorescent bulb, save energy, beginning on Earth Day**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County, Walmart and the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth are teaming to give away energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs to celebrate Earth Day.

The compact fluorescent bulbs will be available at Walmart stores in Macomb County from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day beginning Wednesday, April 22 – Earth Day – and continuing until more than 165,000 bulbs are distributed. That number represents about half of the households in Macomb County. One bulb will be given per household and no purchase is necessary.

An Energy Star-qualified compact fluorescent light bulb uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb, according to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). The increased efficiency will save about \$30 over the bulb's life.

“The energy savings from this program should be at least \$1 million a year and \$7.3 million over the life of the bulbs,” said Thomas Kalkofen, director of the Macomb County Health Department.

The distribution is at the following Walmart stores:

- Chesterfield Township, 45400 Market Place Boulevard
- Roseville, 28804 Gratiot Ave.
- Shelby Township, 51450 Shelby Parkway
- Sterling Heights, 44575 Mound Road
- Sterling Heights, 33201 Van Dyke Ave.

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“Walmart is very pleased to assist Macomb County in this free compact fluorescent bulb giveaway,” said Diane Behnke, market manager, Walmart Stores. “One compact fluorescent bulb can really make a difference in energy savings and helping the environment.”

The Health Department received a grant for the program through the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. The grant funds will purchase the compact fluorescent bulbs through Walmart, which will help with distribution.

### **About Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (NYSE: WMT)**

Every week, millions of customers visit Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets, and Sam’s Club locations across America. The company and its Foundation are committed to a philosophy of giving back locally. Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) is proud to support the causes that are important to customers and associates right in their own neighborhoods, and last year gave more than \$296 million to local United States communities. To learn more, visit <http://www.walmartstores.com>, <http://www.walmart.com>, or <http://www.walmartfoundation.org>.

### **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has enjoyed one of the state’s fastest growth rates over the past 15 years. Macomb’s 833,000 residents – up more than 44,000 since the 2000 census – make it Michigan’s third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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