

## KOHLER CUTS 350 IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY



Appliance maker Kohler Co. announced 350 layoffs today at its Sheboygan County location. The 350 made up a large portion of the total 750 layoffs the company will undergo throughout various departments at the company. According to Kohler spokesman, Todd Weber, of the 750 jobs, 450 of those were permanent administrative and production employees, while 300 were temp workers who have been cut throughout last several months. "These are challenging times which require making difficult decisions, none more difficult than when they involve our associates," said President of Kohler's Kitchen & Bath Group, Jim Westdorp. "The housing market, which plummeted to an all-time low during the economic crisis some 18 months ago, has not rebounded as we had hoped. Housing remains battered with no signs of a U.S. recovery on the horizon." The last time Kohler had mass layoffs was over a year ago, when they cut 455 Sheboygan County workers in April of '09.

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