

Elkay closing St. Charles faucet plant

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(Crain's) — [Elkay Manufacturing Co.](#) said Tuesday it will close its faucet plant in St. Charles by December 2009, eliminating 18 jobs, and relocate operations to other sites.

The plant's production of commercial-grade faucets will be shifted to a 230-worker plant in downstate Savanna, on the Mississippi River.

Residential-facet manufacturing at St. Charles will be moved to the East Coast, the company said.

A residential faucet plant in Burbank, Calif., that employs 41 people also will close next year and its operations will be folded into the same plant. Potential sites are in South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"We really need a larger, more-efficient facility," a company spokeswoman said about the consolidation.