

Conservation Guide & Tips



Make small, sustainable changes in your daily routine to help your community save energy, conserve water, and reduce waste while supporting a healthier environment.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- **Thermostat:** Maintain set temperature as large fluctuations can make your system work harder. During the summer, set the thermostat a few degrees higher, and in the winter, lower it to save on energy costs.
- **Ceiling Fans:** Set direction of fan blades to circulate air in winter (clockwise) and summer (counter-clockwise) months.
- **Lighting:** Light emitting diodes (LEDs) lightbulbs last longer than standard compact fluorescent or incandescent lightbulbs and use less energy.
- **Windows:** Use blinds and shades to direct sun through windows in the summer and winter to prevent and increase heat gain.
- **Dryer:** Separate drying loads into heavy and lightweight items. The lightweight items take less time to dry, so the dryer doesn't have to run as long.
- **Energy Savings:** Turn off or unplug lights or electronics when not in use.

WATER CONSERVATION

- **Leaks:** Report malfunctioning toilets, dripping faucets or other leaks in the unit to the office for repair. Emergency & major leaks should be reported to Management ASAP.
- **Dishwasher Efficiency:** Lower water usage by running the dishwasher only when it is full.
- **Washer Efficiency:** Washing clothes in cold water and adjust load settings to saves both on water and energy.
- **Water Savings:** Turn off the faucet while you lather your hands or brushing your teeth. Strive for short, efficient showers. When running a bath, plug the tub before turning on the water then adjust the temperature as the tub fills. Tell your property management teams if you notice irrigation occurring during or after a rain event.

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

- **Recycling Areas (if applicable):** Use recycling receptacles, where provided, for paper, metal, plastic, cardboard, and discarded electronics in a central location.
- **Re-Use:** Opt for reusable containers over single use. Shop with reusable shopping bags to reduce waste. Thrift items to give them a new life.
- **Donate (esp at Move-Out):** Donate items that are in good condition and to local thrift store. Both Goodwill® and the Salvation Army accept used furniture and may pick it up free of charge. Donate non-perishable foods to food banks or local food pantries to help reduce food waste.
- **Save Paper:** Implement paper-reducing strategies such as double-sided printing, paperless billing, using cloths for cleaning.
- **Mail:** Unsubscribe from catalogs to reduce junk mail. Select paperless billing instead of paper billing.
- **E-Waste:** Ensure proper disposal of e-waste at local collection centers (computers, laptops, monitors, CFL bulbs, batteries, mobile phones, and ink cartridges).

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

- **Alternative Transportation:** Take local bus, train or consider biking to school or work. Carpool with others when possible.
- **Rechargeable Batteries:** These batteries can be recharged hundreds of times, conserving resources and saving you from having to buy additional batteries.
- **Indoor Plants:** Plants filter indoor air from pollutants, while increasing oxygen in the air.
- **Sustainable Purchasing:** Buy items with longer life or refillable options. Shop local and small businesses to support the community.