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Green Tips for Apartment Residents

By taking simple steps, you can save energy used to make electricity, conserve precious fuel and water, and reduce waste. Doing small things can make a big difference!



LIGHTS OUT

Turn off all lights when you leave the room. Replace your incandescent light bulbs with EPA ENERGY STAR-qualified compact fluorescents (CFL) or Light-emitting diodes (LED). *More tips at www.energystar.gov/lighting and for details on recycling CFLs, visit www6.homedepot.com/ecooptions*



POWER DOWN

Your home electronics use power even when idle. Make sure computers, printers and monitors are turned off when not in use, and consider plugging TVs and DVD players into a power strip so they can be turned off easily. *More tips to use electricity wisely at www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement*



STAY COOL IN SUMMER

Close blinds, curtains or shades during hot sunny days, and make sure doors and windows are closed when the AC is on. Consider adding shades to windows in rooms with AC units. Turn your thermostat up 2 to 3 degrees before you leave for the day, and turn it off when you're away.



WEATHERIZE IN WINTER

Make sure any indoor air leaks are sealed to reduce your energy consumption. Turn your thermostat down 2 to 3 degrees before you leave for the day and turn it down to 55 degrees when you are away. *More tips to stay comfortable while saving energy at www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips*



CONSERVE WATER

Even small leaks waste huge amounts of water. Have all leaks repaired immediately. Wash only full loads of dishes in your dishwasher and if applicable, use the energy-savings setting for drying. *More water-savings tips at www.wateruseitwisely.com*



USE LESS GAS

Strive to reduce driving. Consider alternatives including public transportation, carpooling, biking and teleworking. *Tips to help you get better mileage when you must drive at www.aaamidatlantic.com/PGA/FuelConservation*



RECYCLE AND REUSE

Place newspapers, cartons, plastic and glass containers in your recycle bins. Reuse plastic bags and purchase reusable grocery bags. Recycling details for DC and other local governments are online. *Find links at www.aoba-metro.org; click on Going Green, then Green Websites.*