

CONSERVE AT HOME: WHAT YOU CAN DO

Consider the environment and read online!

LIGHTS OUT

Turn off all lights when you leave a room. Replace incandescent light bulbs with EPA ENERGY STAR-qualified compact fluorescents (CFL) or Light-emitting diodes (LED).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lighting accounts for nearly 25% of total energy costs in the home or office.
- Fluorescent light bulbs consume 75% less electricity, last 4-15 times longer, and generate 74% less heat than incandescent bulbs.



POWER OFF & UNPLUG

Home electronics such as computers, TVs and printers use power even when idle. Turn your electronics off when not in use. Cut phantom loads by unplugging small appliances and cell phone chargers when not in use. Consider using a power strip and turn on and off when needed to conserve energy.

CONSERVE WATER

Report all leaks or drippy faucets immediately. Run your dishwasher with only full loads, and use the energy-savings setting if you have the option.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

At the grocery or hardware store, purchase products with the least amount of packaging waste. Place newspapers, cartons, plastic and glass containers in your recycle bins. Reuse plastic bags and shop with reusable grocery bags.

DID YOU KNOW?

- For every ton of paper that is recycled, we save 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, and enough electricity to power an average house for six months.
- You can run a TV for six hours on the amount of electricity that is saved by recycling one aluminum can.



DID YOU KNOW?

- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a faucet dripping at one drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons per year.

Source: "Green Tips for Apartment Renters." National Apartment Association. <<http://www.naahq.org/green/renter/Pages/Tips.aspx>>

GREEN LIFESTYLE BOOKS WE LOVE:

Let's Go Green!: An Earth-Friendly Coloring Book

Author: Tiffany Prothero

The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time

Authors: Elizabeth Rogers & Thomas M. Kostigen

It's Easy Being Green: A Handbook for Earth-Friendly Living

Author: Crissy Trask

