

## Ten Ways To Go Green In Your Community

### 1. Lower thermostats in the winter and raise thermostats in the summer

### 2. Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)

- Reduces energy use.
- Reduces mercury in landfills, thereby reducing negative effects on water quality and wildlife

### 3. Perform a waste stream audit

- Recycle: Paper, glass, batteries
- Construction materials from renovation projects

### 4. Utilize green cleaning supplies

- Door Mats which reduce the need for maintenance
- Cleaning products
- Deep clean carpets at regular intervals
- Thoroughly vacuum using high-efficiency filtration bags
- Use only floor machines with vacuum capability
- Avoid carpet treatments with sticky residues
- Use lint-free dusting cloths (not paper towels). Avoid dusters that don't capture dust (e.g., feather dusters)
- Avoid aerosol sprays
- Use toggle-top chemical dispensers or trigger spray directly onto cloth
- Vacuum dust skirts on floor machines

### 5. Change HVAC filters and perform preventative maintenance on equipment

- This improves indoor air quality
- Improves energy efficiency
- Prolongs the life of equipment

### 6. Reduce Heat-Island Effect through Cool Roof (solar reflective / high - albedo roofing products) or Green Roof

- Reduce energy use: A cool roof transfers less heat to the building below; the building stays cooler and uses less energy for air conditioning
- Reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions: By lowering energy use, cool roofs decrease the production of associated air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Green roofing also reduces heating costs and improves storm-water management

### 7. Provide preferred parking for Alternative-fuel vehicles and residents that carpool to work

### 8. Water Efficiency

- Use storm water; water recapturing systems or natural waterways for irrigation
- Utilize high-efficiency irrigation systems
- Install high-efficiency water faucets in common area restrooms
- Provide incentives for residents to install high-efficiency fixtures and low flow shower heads

### 9. Use renewable building products when renovating

- Bamboo or Litmus
- Recycled glass

### 10. Adopt a purchasing policy

- Utilizing green cleaning products
- Utilizing local vendors
- To reduce packaging material
- Make bulk purchases

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