

# Do you live in a Condo / Apartment?

## How to Green Your Condo / Apartment Building

### Reduce Water Use



**Replace Older Toilets** with new **Low-flow Toilets WaterSense toilets** (which use just 1.28 gallons per flush)

- By replacing pre-1980 toilets with WaterSense toilets you will save 27,000 gallons of water and \$230 per year.
- By replacing toilets from 1980 - 1994 which averaged 3.5 gallons per flush with WaterSense toilets you will save 16,000 gallons of water and \$140 per year.



**Add Aerators to Faucets & Shower Heads**

- Aerators are small parts placed on the end of faucets. Typically they are small mesh screens that break up the flow of water into multiple small streams, adding air in between. By diluting the water stream with air, aerators significantly reduce the volume of water flowing from your faucet.



**Replace Older Washer Machines** with an **ENERGY STAR certified one**

- A full-sized ENERGY STAR certified clothes washer uses 14 gallons of water per load, compared to the 20 gallons used by a standard machine. That's a savings of more than 2,000 gallons of water, per year!!

### Reduce Energy Use



**Replace Incandescent & CFL lights** with LED fixtures or bulbs

- LED's use at least 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent.



**Replace Older Appliances** with **Energy Star Appliances**

- ENERGY STAR certified appliances help consumers save money on operating costs by reducing energy use without sacrificing performance.
- Typical Appliances with ENERGY STAR; Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators / Freezers, Dish-washers.

- **Consult with an Engineer** to determine if the **heating and cooling system** or **water heating** should be replaced with a more efficient system.
- **Consult with an Architect** to determine if the **building's envelope** (exterior walls and windows) should be re-caulked or replace old windows with new higher performing windows.

### Improve Indoor Air Quality



**When Renovating use Non / Low Toxic Materials**

- Use No VOC Paints. (Brands that have no VOC options include AFM Safecoat, Behr, Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams, among other brands.)
- Use formaldehyde free cabinets, built-ins and furniture. (Greenguard certifies interior products and materials that have low chemical emissions.)
- Use sealants and adhesives with low VOCs.



**Cleaning**

- Natural cleaners and green cleaning products are a smart way to clean your home the safe, non-toxic way. When cleaning carpets, use non-toxic cleaners.
- Examples; Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate,) Borax, white vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil, Castile soap, and washing soda.