

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 (ie., 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

