

**CONGRATULATIONS!** By selecting an ENERGY STAR certified property, you have chosen to reduce your environmental footprint.

This manual provides you with an overview of our sustainability efforts and highlights ways you can reduce energy and water use in your own apartment home.

## OUR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

Your apartment home is equipped with the following energy and water efficiency features:

- ENERGY STAR® certified refrigerators, dishwashers, and washing machines.
- Programmable thermostats.
- High-efficiency lighting, water heating, and heating and cooling systems.
- High-efficiency windows and insulation.
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures.



## SPEAK UP!

- Our tenants are the eyes and ears of our community. We need your help to keep it running as efficiently as possible.
- Please notify property management if your heating/air conditioning equipment appears to be malfunctioning or running excessively, or if leaks are discovered in plumbing fixtures, showers, or toilets.

**Tell us how you save!**

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## An ENERGY STAR® Certified Property

We're committed to reducing our environmental footprint while saving you money and enhancing your well-being

## EFFICIENCY'S VALUE AND YOU

- An energy-efficient property means lower utility expenses for you – reducing your total cost of occupancy as a renter.
- An energy-efficient property is a good proxy for a well-managed community where the details are considered important and maintenance requests are attended to quickly.
- ENERGY STAR® certified appliances and products are not only efficient, they are also high-quality. All certified products pass rigorous quality and efficiency testing.

*Did you know that renting an ENERGY STAR® certified apartment is not only better for our planet, but can also save you money?*



## HOW YOU CAN SAVE AND HELP CUT YOUR UTILITY BILLS

### ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- **LOOK FOR ENERGY STAR®** labeled electronics, lighting, and appliances which use 10-75% less energy than typical products. For ideas, search [energystar.gov/products](http://energystar.gov/products).
- **TURN OFF THE LIGHTS** when you leave a room and use daylight whenever possible.
- **ADJUST YOUR WINDOW SHADES** to reduce heating and cooling requirements.
  - In cool weather, open the shades to let in sunlight and close them at night to keep the heat in.
  - In warm weather, close the shades to keep out unneeded sunlight.
- **MAKE SURE AIR VENTS ARE OPEN.** Closed or partially obstructed vents require more energy to circulate air.
- **PROGRAM YOUR THERMOSTAT** and turn down the heat or air conditioning when you leave home.
  - In cool weather, lower the temperature by several degrees.
  - In warm weather, raise the temperature by several degrees.
- **WASH CLOTHES IN COLD WATER.** Laundry detergents now have the ability to clean clothes in cold water just as well as hot water.

### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- **TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS.** Try hanging a waterproof clock in your bathroom or turning the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair.
- **TURN OFF THE SINK** while you lather your hands, brush your teeth, or shave.
- **WASH DISHES MORE EFFICIENTLY.**
  - Load your dishwasher to make the best use of space and only run when the dishwasher is completely full.
  - Instead of rinsing dishes before loading them into the dishwasher, simply scrape off dried food. Modern dishwashers and detergents are strong enough to get the job done on their own.
  - When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water and wash all dishes at once before rinsing them.
- **SET YOUR WASHING MACHINE** to indicate a large, medium, or small water level or load. This allows you to use only the amount of water required to clean your clothes, and no more.

For more energy and water saving tips, join us online at [www.energystar.gov/multifamilyhousing](http://www.energystar.gov/multifamilyhousing)