

# Reduce Your Impact!

**WATER CONSERVATION** preserves a scarce resource and saves you money



## INSIDE:

- Install low flow aerators in faucets (1.5 gal/min) – saves 1,000 gal/year
- Install low flow showerheads (2.5 gal/min) – saves 2,000 gal/year
- Install low flow toilets (1.5 gal/flush) – saves 24,000 gal/year
- Check toilet for leaks: Put food coloring in the tank. If color shows up in bowl without flushing, there is a leak.
- TURN OFF THE WATER WHEN BRUSHING YOUR TEETH!**

## OUTSIDE:

- Test irrigation systems for leaks, over spray and appropriate coverage
- Use drip irrigation
- Set sprinkler system on a timer to water in cool parts of the day, morning or evening to avoid evaporation
- Utilize Conservation Landscaping techniques – using native and adapted plants requires less water

**ENERGY CONSERVATION** reduces greenhouse gas emissions and saves you money

- Conduct a home energy audit
- Use smart meters or energy monitors to track energy usage
- Purchase energy efficient appliances
- Replace heating/cooling unit with a newer, more energy efficient one if it is more than 15 years old
- Water heating accounts for 15-25% of energy use: use a solar water heater or a demand water heater
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Lighting accounts for 10% of energy usage: use compact fluorescent light bulbs
- TURN OFF LIGHTS AFTER LEAVING THE ROOM!**



**RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION** reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves you money, and can lead to better health



- Live as close to work as possible, walk, bicycle, bus or carpool when possible
- Own a fuel efficient vehicle (>40mpg)
- Eat locally grown food (within 150miles)
- Compost food scraps
- Bring reusable bags for shopping
- Purchase from environmentally responsible retailers
- Recycle all recyclable materials
- Eliminate unwanted mailings by calling sender's 800 number
- Print on 30% or more post-consumer paper
- Use non-toxic, reusable cleaning supplies
- Limit bottled water use