

EFFICIENT HOME OPERATION

HOW CAN YOU HELP ENSURE YOUR HOME IS OPERATING EFFICIENTLY?

Optional Resident Choices

- Biodegradable cleaning supplies
- Organic fertilizers
- Low wattage light bulbs for personal furniture
- Energy Star products wherever possible
- Collapsible clothes rack for drying clothes

Recommended Settings & Appliance Operation to Further Reduce Energy Usage

Air Conditioner

- Set your thermostat at 75 degrees or higher – no lower than 72
- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when you are away from the home and lower gradually when you return
- Replace filters at least monthly and twice monthly with pets in the home

Water Heater

- Ensure your solar timer is set correctly with pins placed for a two-hour window in the morning and at night
- Try to use hot water during peak solar hours (9am – 4pm)

Dehumidifier

- Wet at 65% relative humidity

Washer & Dryer

- Wash with cold water
- Dry with cold heat

Refrigerator

- Use manufacturer's recommended temperature setting (usually the mid-point)

Dishwasher

- No heat drying option

Plug Loads

- Minimize the number of extra appliances and devices in your home and unplug items when not in use
- Visit your Resident Services Office to obtain an advanced power strip to help combat "vampire" power loads

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to conserving energy and water resources!