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Live Green and Prosper: 4 Tips on “Going Green” at Home



Main Street Village is Orange County's first multi-family residence built with the environment in mind. The community is pursuing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) as the overall construction of the community is designed to conserve energy and water, reduce waste sent to landfills, and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Here are 4 tips on how you can start living green this spring.

Green Tip # 1 - Clean Green

Maintaining your home with green cleaning products reduces water and ambient air pollution making for a naturally cleaner living space. Typically biodegradable, with low toxicity, these green cleaning solutions also come in recyclable packaging. At Main Street Village, the property is maintained with a variety of green cleaning products reducing its ecological footprint while keeping all common areas “spic-and-span” for residents enjoying their workout in the fitness center or a classic novel in the community library.

Green Tip # 2 - Commit to Recycling

Beyond paper, plastic and glass, Main Street Village provides residents with an on-site option for moving box and Christmas tree recycling to ensure all residents may dispose of these high

volume items responsibly. The same goal is easily achieved in any home. Be sure to separate recyclables from non-recyclables and dispose of each as appropriate. Over the holidays, follow city protocol for holiday tree recycling and, when making a move, remember that moving boxes may easily be collapsed and stored for re-use or simply recycled as well.

Green Tip # 3 - Grow, Grow, Grow

Growing your own fresh fruits and veggies shortens the distance from the garden to the dinner table. By reducing the transit time of our favorite foods we also reduce fuel consumed through shipping. Starting a garden at home is an efficient, cost effective way to reduce fuel born air-pollution while cutting costs at the grocery store. Just think, for the price of a few tomatoes you could buy a tomato plant that constantly yields those delicious, red goodies. At Main Street Village, residents are encouraged to grow their own fruits and vegetables at our community garden... we'll even provide the seeds!

Green Tip # 4 - Water Conservation

Cut costs and conserve water at home the Main Street Village way by simply installing low-flow faucets and showerheads. Compared to standard fixtures, low-flow faucets save about 2 gallons per minute while low-flow showerheads conserve about 1.5 gallons per minute during use. Main Street Village has installed not only low-flow faucets and showerheads, but low-flow toilets as well. The combined effort reduces the properties water consumption by 30% translating to a reduction in resident utility cost.

For more information and additional green living tips please visit us in-person or online!



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