

GLICCC's Green Checklist

Indoor Living

- Install programmable thermostats; set temperatures based on times areas are occupied**
- Replace standard lighting with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)**
- Create a waste management plan (recycling, composting, etc.)**
- Check seals and gaskets on windows and doors; seals cracks as soon as they develop**
- Put electronics on power strips so that they can be easily turned off when not in use**
- Keep cooking equipment clean to ensure maximum efficiency**
- Use Energy Start® appliances**
- Operate dishwasher only when full**
- Do not use running water to melt or defrost frozen foods**
- Recycle oil and grease by contacting local rendering facilities**
- Minimize the temperature your water heater heats to**
- Regularly clean condenser coils on refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners**

Outdoor Living

- Use water efficient landscaping; concentrate on using hardy native plants and remove exotic invasive plants from landscaping**
- Recycle yard waste by composting or mulching**
- Maximize the amount of mulch used to conserve soil moisture**
- Reduce storm runoff by directing downspouts into landscaped beds, lawns, or collections barrels**
- Use trickle, drip, or soaker hose irrigations where possible**
- Use timers to remember to turn off hoses**
- Trees and bushes near your residence can provide shade and make it easier to stay cool**
- Do not water during the heat of the day (~10AM-5PM)**
- Check the soil before watering to ensure that watering is necessary**
- Drain or cover closed pools and spas, and frequently clean filters**