





# **Energy Saving Tips for Residence Halls, Apartments, and Suites**

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### Tips to Reduce Water Usage

- Take Shorter Showers.
- Set the water to less than full force.
- Report toilets that keep running. Stuck valves waste at least 50 gallons of water a day.
- Don't leave the water running while shaving, brushing your teeth, etc.
- Report leaky faucets. Thirty drips a minute of water wastes 50 gallons of water a month.



#### Tips to Reduce Energy Usage when Cleaning Clothes

- Rinse all loads with cold water, your clothes will last longer.
- Wash with warm or cold water. Follow garment care label. Washing with cold water will reduce energy costs
- Clean the lint filter after every load.
- Run separate loads for fast and slow drying clothes.
  Why run the dryer when just a few items are damp?
- Use the moisture or automatic setting if your dryer has one. It knows when your clothes are dry better than the timer.
- Don't overload dryers! This wastes energy and clothes take longer to dry.





#### Tips to Reduce Electricity Usage

- Set the refrigerator to 38-40° F.
- Locate refrigerators and freezers away from the heat registers, and stoves if possible. Leave two to three inches clearance around the back, sides, and top.
- Open the refrigerator door once to unload several items, instead of opening the door several times in a row.
- Turn off lights when you don't need them or exit a room.
- Use desk lamps for close-up work.
- Turn off appliances when you are not using them.
- Unplug Curling irons, computers, TV's, stereos, cell phone chargers, and other appliances when you are

- not using them. They consume power when they are not being used.
- Remember...Space heaters, candles, toasters, and other items which present a fire hazard are not permitted at any time!
- Turn off and shutdown equipment and computers not being used.
- Use power management features on equipment and computers.



#### Tips to Reduce Energy Usage of Heaters

- Each heater is equipped with a heat regulating control underneath or on the side of the heater. The location of the heat regulating control is marked with a sticker on the heater cover.
- To reduce heat, turn the knob to the right. (clockwise)
- To increase heat, turn the knob to the left. (counter clockwise)
- The knob will only turn a short distance- DO NOT FORCE OR REMOVE THE KNOB – this may cause black water to flood your room.
- Temperature output of the heater may be affected by outside temperature, blocked heaters, and open window, etc. To keep your heater working properly:
  - Do not block the heater unit, keep beds, couches, etc. at least 12" away from the front of the heater.
- Keep your windows and doors closed.
- Do not store belongings on the top of the heater. To protect your electronic equipment, CD's, and other belongings keep them away from the heater unit.
- To determine if your heater is working, touch both pipes at the ends (near floor or sides). If both pipes are warm and the heat regulating control is in the "on" position, the heater is working. If the pipes are cold with the control in the "on" position, report this to the front desk.
- Don't block heat vents with furniture, curtains or other large items.
- Close shades during warm weather. Close shades during cold weather at night. Keep the shades open during the day in cold weather for solar heat gain.

