



What Can You Do to Protect the Environment?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes "most of the observed increase in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-twentieth century is likely due to the observed increase in greenhouse gas concentrations." Many landlords, CAPREIT included, are dedicated to doing their part to reduce global warming and protect our environment through various measures ranging from recycling programs to energy efficiency savings. One of CAPREIT's specific measures is our light bulb replacement program. CAPREIT is committed to gradually replacing almost 400, 000 light bulbs with highly efficient bulbs sourced to be the best in the world in terms of the energy usage. CAPREIT is also gradually replacing many of our suite and common area light fixtures with more energy efficient designs and models.

CAPREIT has also installed energy efficient Viessman boilers in many of our buildings. These boilers reduce natural gas consumption and dramatically cut gases released into the environment. CAPREIT is also committed to recycling the majority of materials created from renovation projects.

What can you do to help combat global warming? You may think you have no control but there are many things an apartment resident can do to help:

- Did you know that even when not in use, but plugged in, your computer and television use electricity? Buy a power bar and turn off the bar when the electronics are not in use. Get in the habit of washing your clothes in cold water.
- Most of the energy used to run a washing machine is used to heat the water, so using cold will dramatically reduce the energy consumption needed for washing. And, try not to over-dry your clothes. Not only does this ruin your clothes, but uses excessive power.
- Report any leaking taps to your building manager, they should come and fix them to conserve water.
- Defrost your frozen meats in the refrigerator. The cold given off during defrosting will help keep your appliance cold and therefore less energy is used in the operation of the refrigerator.

Do what you can to reduce your energy needs; every apartment resident and owner can make a difference.