

Recent Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements to Your Home

[Sponsor name here](#) has recently upgraded your homes with new energy savings features that will help to save on your utility bills. These savings are equivalent to approximately 0 days of TV and more than 0 showers per each apartment unit. Below you can find out more information about what was installed.

Bath Fans

Bathroom Fans have been installed in your bathrooms. These fans save you money and also reduce mold in your home. Older models that do not meet modern standards for efficient electrical consumption can consume too much electricity and waste a lot of money. These bath fans improve indoor air quality, help control moisture and enhance overall home energy efficiency.



Windows

All of your windows have been replaced with functioning energy efficient units that will reduce drafts. These will increase your comfort during all seasons.



Doors

All of your doors have been replaced with functioning energy efficient units that will reduce drafts. These will increase your comfort during all seasons.

In Unit Lighting

Each apartment's kitchen ceiling lighting was upgraded to more efficient features.

Also the older incandescent lighting was replaced, throughout your apartment, with new more efficient compact fluorescent lighting, unless current standard models exist. This will help you save on your energy bills and provide longer lasting lighting in your home. If your compact fluorescent burn out, be sure to recycle them because they contain mercury. You can take them to your local household hazardous waste collection facility or the home improvement store in your area if they are not broken.



[Sponsor name here](#) also updated the exterior building lighting with energy efficient lamps and fixtures that will help provide more safety and save energy.

Kitchen & Bath Aerators and Showerheads

Each apartment had the kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and showerheads upgraded with more efficient models that meet Energy Trust of Oregon requirements, unless current standard models exist. These new features are saving both energy and water.



Ductless Heat Pumps or PTAC Heat Pumps and Thermostats

Your new air conditioner/heater combo and thermostat work together to keep you cool in the summer and warm in the winter while reducing electric use. Be sure to turn it off when no one is home. For even more savings, consider turning the temperature down by 2 degrees in the winter and up by 2 degrees in the summer. The filter will need to be cleaned once a year so work with maintenance staff to do this.



Water Heater (in unit)

According to ENERGY STAR the second highest use of energy in the home are water heaters. Your new water heater is more efficient, using less energy to heat and store your water.



Water Heaters (whole building)

According to ENERGY STAR the second highest use of energy in the home are water heaters. New water heaters have been installed that serve all the residents in your building. These water heaters use less energy to heat your water.

Refrigerators

Your new refrigerator is ENERGY STAR rated ensuring that it uses less energy than a similar model. Cleaning behind the refrigerator once a year will help maintain the original efficiency.



Washing Machines

Your new washing machine is ENERGY STAR rated ensuring that it uses less energy and water than your old model. The efficiency of these units mean that this should also reduce your dryer times. Wash clothes in cold water to save even more energy and prolong the life of your clothes.



Dishwashers

Your new washing machine is ENERGY STAR rated ensuring that it uses less energy and water than your old model. You can further save energy by making sure that you only run the dishwasher with full loads.



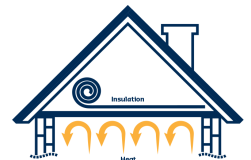
Low Flow Toilets

Toilets are by far the main source of water use in the home accounting for nearly 30 percent of an average home's indoor water consumption. New toilets have been installed community wide and will help to reduce the use of this valuable resource.



Attic Insulation

New attic insulation has been added to the existing insulation in your home. Having your home properly insulated can reduce the amount of heat seeping in or out of your home which can result in reducing cooling and heating costs.



Landscape and Irrigation Replacement

The landscape and irrigation system was redesigned and replaced throughout the property to help control for drought conditions in the area and reduce water use. The new design will take time to reestablish and over time will provide more shade on those hot days and visual comfort for you and your neighbors. The plants are drought tolerant yet will still need to be watered well in their first couple of years as they become established. You can help by letting property managers know if you see sprinklers that are not working properly.

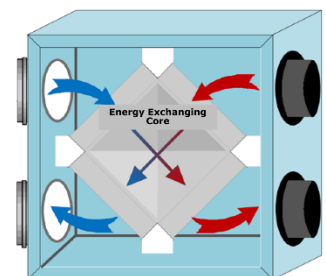
Ceiling Fans

Ceiling fans have been installed in your living rooms. These fans improve ventilation and air quality in your home. They are reversible which means they can be used to push warm air down during cold months as well as pull cool air up during warm months.



Energy Recovery Ventilation

The full building is equipped to provide more fresh air into your apartment without wasting the heat from the stale exhausted air. More fresh air means you can breathe easy with less odors or indoor pollutants.



What can you do and why is this important to you?

You can continue to play a role in reducing your energy and water use by reporting water leaks to maintenance staff, turning lights off in rooms that you're not using, turning the heat down (or cool air up) when away from home, washing your clothes in cold water and reducing shower times. All of these will help to save money on your utility bills.

