



The City of Fircrest’s vision of the community is one that considers the needs of future citizens as well as current citizens. With that vision in mind, we support our homeowners in making “green” impacts. No matter the scale, every positive change makes a difference.

We are always here to answer your questions and work with our homeowners.

## **Save Green by Going Green**

Tips and information about Green products, saving energy, and how little changes can make a big impact



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## WHAT IS GREEN BUILDING / SUSTAINABLE LIVING?

GREEN BUILDING IS A WAY TO APPROACH THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF YOUR HOME THAT ALLOWS FOR THE LEAST NEGATIVE IMPACT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT WHILE PROVIDING A HEALTHIER LIVING SPACE.

IF YOU ARE STARTING A NEW PROJECT, YOU CAN MAKE GREEN CHOICES THAT WILL HELP OUR PLANET AND YOUR WALLET.

BEING "GREEN" DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO REPLACE APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS, FURNACE/ HEAT PUMP OR LIGHT BULBS, CONSIDER THE ENERGY-SAVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

### WHY GO GREEN?

**HEALTH** - Good for you

**MONEY** - Good for your wallet

**ENVIRONMENT** - Good for the planet

By incorporating green living practices, you'll provide for today's needs and the needs of future generations.

### EASY, LOW-COST WAYS TO GO GREEN NOW

- ✓ Install a faucet aerator
- ✓ Replace old showerheads & toilets with a low-flow model
- ✓ Use earth-friendly cleaners
- ✓ Install a "smart" surge protector
- ✓ Choose ENERGY STAR appliances & heaters

### WHAT ARE "SMART" THERMOSTATS?

With over half of your energy bill going towards heating & cooling, a "smart" thermostat learns the temperatures you like and establishes a schedule that adjusts energy-saving temperatures when you're asleep or away.

Tacoma Power has rebates for qualifying "smart" thermostats

### LED LIGHTING AT HOME

LED Lighting is a highly efficient technology that uses at least 75% less energy than traditional incandescent lighting.

The life span of most LED bulbs is in the range of 15-20 years, depending on hours of use.

Changing out old bulbs to LED is an easy solution to go green.

**"PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED AT THE SAME LEVEL OF AWARENESS THAT CREATED THEM."**

-Albert Einstein



### SOLAR PANELS

Washington is an excellent choice for solar panels. We have houses right here in Fircrest with solar panels and the homeowners are getting paid for the energy they produce.

Not every house is a candidate for solar panels. Homes with a southerly or westerly facing roof with little to no shading are ideal. Visit the website below to find out if solar is right for you.

<https://tpu.wattplan.com/pv/>



### RECYCLING & DECONSTRUCTION

Recycle old shingles, siding, decking, and other building materials

Salvage & donate reusable household items and materials to charity

Donate or recycle old electronics instead of throwing them in the trash.



### REBATES & INCENTIVES

There are numerous rebates and incentives available to our residents.

Federal – Tax credits & incentives are available for things like Solar Panels & Electric / Hybrid vehicles

Local – Tacoma Power offers many incentives to replace windows & insulation, lighting, and showerheads. Visit the website below for more information:

[www.KnowYourPower.com](http://www.KnowYourPower.com)