

## “GREENING” OF GRANDIN



We are committed to saving energy and living the green life and to partnering with our residents, as together, we can make our world a little better.

1. **Old is Good:** Grandin Properties focuses on historic buildings, most built between 1880 and 1915. We believe the best way to recycle is to avoid the need to recycle in the first place: renovation, not demolition.
2. **Pedestrian-Friendly:** Our properties are in pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods – walking distance to dining and shopping - and on bus routes.
3. **Low Light:** We use low-energy fluorescent lights in common areas and timers for exterior lighting. Our buildings have great windows and natural light is an excellent way to save energy.
4. **Environmentally-Friendly Products:** This starts with long lasting materials and our buildings are constructed of brick, wood, marble, terrazzo and concrete. We use carpet sparingly. When renovating, we use granite rather than formica, for example, and demonstrate a preference for environmentally-friendly products.
5. **Energy-Efficient Appliances:** Whenever feasible, we replace appliances, as needed, with Energy Star-rated products, efficient heating and cooling systems and fluorescent lamps.
6. **Water Conservation:** We use products that conserve water such as dual-flush toilets and under-sink restrictors. Also, we landscape with drought resistant plants.
7. **Energy Savings:** We try to save the energy used for heating and cooling by using sensor controlled systems, adjusting temperatures and installing ceiling fans.

We know you are making green choices whenever possible and offer a few suggestions:

1. **Use Safe, Healthy Indoor Products:** We encourage our tenants to use products with minimal pollutants such as non-toxic and natural cleaning supplies.
2. **Reduce Energy Usage:**
  - a. When cooking, use the smallest pot on the smallest burner.
  - b. Change to fluorescent light bulbs.
  - c. Use ceiling fans rather than the air conditioner.
  - d. Wherever possible, adjust your settings to 68 degrees for heating and 75 degrees for cooling.
  - e. Turn off lights when leaving the apartment.
  - f. Electronic devices such as cell phone chargers still use electricity when plugged in – even if they are not in use. Unplug them and turn off your computer for the same reason.
3. **Recycle:** Recycling companies specify that the resident, not the landlord, initiate and assume responsibility for recycling. Call 513.591.6000 in Cincinnati or 513.771.4200 in Covington to obtain a bin.

