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### **ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

#### **Replace Incandescent Light Bulbs With Led Bulbs**

LEDs use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs<sup>1</sup>

#### **Install Occupancy Sensors**

• Occupancy sensors can reduce lighting costs by up to 40% in spaces where people move in and out in unpredictable patterns2

#### Turn Off Electronics Or Set Them To "Power Down" When Not In Use

• Setting computers, monitors, and copiers to use sleep-mode when not in use helps cut energy costs by approximately 40%2

#### Purchase ENERGY STAR Appliances During Build-Outs And Whenever Replacing Equipment

ENERGY STAR certified equipment and products use less energy than other products, save money on utility bills, and help protect the environment

#### Install And Adjust A Programmable Thermostat

• You can save up to 3% for each degree the thermostat is raised in the summer and lowered in the winter<sup>2</sup>

#### **Change Or Clean Reusable HVAC Filters Every Month**

• Perform regular maintenance to keep your heating and air conditioning systems running more efficiently

#### Use Shades, Blinds And/Or Sun-Control Film For Windows

• On hot days, draw the shades to keep the sun out. Remember to close doors to the outside to keep in cooler air



### WATER MANAGEMENT

#### Install Watersense Labeled Showerheads, Toilets, And Flushing Urinals Where Appropriate

 WaterSense labeled products have been independently certified to be at least 20% more water-efficient and perform as well or better than standard models<sup>3</sup>

#### **Install Aerators On Faucets**

Compared to 2.2 gallon per minute (GPM) aerators,
1.5 GPM aerators reduce water flow by 30% or more without sacrificing performance<sup>4</sup>

#### Monitor Your Water Bills And Check Water Fixtures Periodically For Leaks

 Check automatic sensors on faucets, toilets, and urinals to ensure they are operating properly and avoid unnecessary water use

#### **Insulate Hot Water Pipes**

 Uninsulated water pipes require users to wait for hot water to flow, resulting in considerable water waste. Proper pipe insulation can also reduce energy consumption by controlling heat loss



## WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### Reduce

- Give customers the option of e-receipts to reduce printed receipts
- Reconsider printing documents or print doublesided when necessary
- Encourage employees to bring lunches and beverages in reusable containers to reduce day-today waste in break rooms

#### Reuse

- Consider donating unused products or perishable foods to local organizations
- Encourage customers to bring reusable tote bags or sell your own with your company's logo on it

#### Recycle

- Recycle cardboard and paper in the appropriate bins
- Find a collection location near you for electronic waste ("e-waste") such as cell phones, computers, and printers
- Several national retailers offer free collection boxes for used batteries

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#### **Ensure Sufficient Ventilation**

 Increasing the amount of fresh air brought indoors helps reduce pollutants inside. When weather permits, open windows and doors, or run an air conditioner with the vent open

#### **Clean HVAC Filters Monthly**

• Central heaters and air conditioners have filters to trap dust and other pollutants in the air. Make sure to change or clean the filters regularly

#### **Select Healthy Material During Build-Out**

 Using formaldehyde-free composite wood products and furnishings reduces the amount of unhealthy chemicals in the space

#### Install An Air Cleaner Or Air Purifier

• Air purifiers can remove harmful chemicals from indoor environments, eliminate germs and bacteria, and neutralize unpleasant odors

#### **Raise Indoor Plants**

• Indoor plants have the ability to clean the air of carbon dioxide

#### Use Low Or No VOC Paints, Sealants, Adhesives, And Finishes

 Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are chemicals that evaporate at room temperature, some of which may have adverse health effects

#### **Use Natural And Eco-Friendly Cleaning Products**

• Using "green" cleaning products can help to reduce the human health and environmental concerns that come with cleaning



## Take Alternative Forms Of Transportation When And Where Available

- Alternative forms of transportation include walking/biking, public transportation, hybrid vehicle travel, and carpooling
- Alternative modes of transportation can reduce commuting costs, stress, energy consumption, and traffic congestion as well as free up time and improve health



For more information about InvenTrust Properties' sustainability efforts, contact your Property Manager or Charles Cayce.

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