



MacGreen Tip of the Month

Are Microwaves Energy Efficient?

How energy efficient is a microwave compared to a conventional stove? How can we make our microwaves more energy efficient?

- Microwaves are between 3.5 and 4.8 times more energy efficient than traditional electric ovens. They also do not add unwanted heat to your home.
- If it costs 10 cents to cook an item in a microwave it will cost 48 cents to cook that same item in a conventional oven.
- Keep your microwave clean and you'll be able to maximize it's energy.
- Food cooks faster when placed at the edge of the rotary tray, as more microwaves can interact with the food there than at the centre.
- If everyone in North America cooked exclusively with a microwave for a year we'd save as much energy as the continent of Africa consumes at that same time.

MacGreen Overview

MacGreen is a comprehensive, **company-wide initiative** aimed at both **offsetting and reducing our energy usage**.

MacGreen consists of 2 initiatives:

1. **Carbon Offsetting:** All Macdonald Realty sales associates can offer their clients the option to have any transaction be '**Carbon Neutral**'. Speak to your sales associate for more information.
2. **Green Facilitators Program:** This is a Macdonald Realty Group corporate effort. A group of volunteers will analyze each office to look for **opportunities to reduce energy usage**.

For more information talk to your sales associate.