



## MacGreen Tip of the Month

### Turn Off Your Lights & Make the Earth a Brighter Place!

Turning off our lights is a task we try to do each day - but how can we consume less energy and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time and still be able to see where we are going?

Follow these easy guidelines to keep your lighting **environmentally friendly**:

- By far, the best source of light is natural day light from the sun. Try to make the most of the sun's light by keeping blinds open or put in skylights to filter in more light.
- Try using compact fluorescent bulbs, they save money and last years, reducing release of carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide, both contributors to global warming. You'd be saving 110 pounds of carbon emissions per year.
- Switch to more efficient lighting systems such as motion sensors and dimmable lighting control which could save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year.

## 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.