



## MacGreen Tip of the Month

### Dishwashers: Friend or Foe?

Dishwashers are actually **more energy efficient** than hand washing. The dishwasher uses only **half the energy, one-sixth of the water, and less soap** than hand-washing an identical set of dirty dishes.

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

- Always **run the dishwasher with a full load**. Most of the energy used by a dishwasher is spent heating water, so filling your machine is more effective than running half-loads.
- Try to **avoid pre-rinsing** your dishes.
- If possible, **use the air-dry option** instead of the heat-dry, rinse-hold or pre-rinse features.

When purchasing a new dishwasher it is also important to note that **Energy Star-approved** dishwashers use **25% less energy than other new models**.

## 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**: Lead by Dave Walker of the Vernon office, a team of volunteers will analyze each office to look for **opportunities to reduce energy usage**.

For more information talk to your sales associate.