



MacGreen Tip of the Month

Maintain a “Tree-Free” Home

Trees help sustain the planet by acting as lungs for the Earth, breathing in carbon monoxide and breathing out oxygen. In order to sustain the life of trees, we should always adopt a “tree-free” home and try to minimize our use of ‘tree’ products in the home.

Follow these easy guidelines to keep your home “tree-free”:

- Replace paper napkins: instead use cloth napkins, just store used ones and wash them for reuse.
- Minimize paper use: use a reusable message board to leave messages for family members, create note pads on once-used paper, and try to print on once-used paper and/or bleach-free, recycled paper that contains the highest post-consumer waste content possible.
- Plant more trees: you can save 20 percent on your electric bill per year by planting two twenty foot trees on the west and the east side of your home.

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.