



## MacGreen Tip of the Month

### Don't throw away! Compost it!

Composting is an effective way to reduce waste consumption in the home. Composting recycles organic household and yard waste and turns it into an extremely useful humus-like, soil end-product called compost.

Follow these easy guidelines to compost in the home:

- Think twice about throwing away that banana peel. Kitchen scraps from fruits, vegetables and coffee grounds can be composted.
- There are many techniques when composting in the home; from extremely passive (throw everything in a pile and leave it for a year or two) to extremely active (monitor the temperature, turn the pile regularly, and adjust the ingredients over time). A designated compost bin is not required, just a simple pile in the backyard is fine.
- If everyone decided to compost their kitchen scraps, the amount saved from landfills could make a three-foot-high compost pile large enough to cover a city.

## 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.