

## The Maintenance Committee Recommends (November, 2005)

Did you know that close to 23% of your association's budget goes for gas and electricity?  
Did you know that it is predicted that over the next year gas and electricity costs will double?  
Did you know that if utility costs double they will constitute 37% of your association's budget AND that the average monthly assessment could increase from \$805.00 to \$985.00 per month?  
Did you know that over 4% of your association's budget goes for water and sewer charges?  
Did you know that each of us can make a difference, that each of us can help lower our utility costs? All of the utilities charges, including sewer, are determined by usage. The less we use the less we are billed.

HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU USE		
	Non-Conserving	Conservation Use
Shower (7-9 minutes)	Regular Shower Head: 30 gallons	Low-Show Shower Head/Restrictor: 15 gallons. Wet-Down, Rinse off: 4 gallons
Toilet Flushing	Conventional Toilet: 3 to 7 gallons per flush. Average use: 25 gallons per day	Ultra-Low Flush Toilet: 1.6 gallons per flush: Average use 5 to 8 gallons per day
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running: 5 to 10 gallons	Wet Brush, Rinse Briefly: ½ gallon or less
Bath	Full Tub: 40 to 60 gallons	Minimal Water Level: 20 gallons or less
Saving	Tap Running: 20 gallons	Fill Basin: 1 gallon
Washing Hands	Tap Running: 2 gallons or more	Soap & Rinse: 1 gallon or less
Dishwashing	Tap Running: 30 gallons	Wash & Rinse in Dishpan or sink: 5 gallons
Automatic Dishwasher	Full Cycle: 16 gallons	Short Cycle: 7 to 11 gallons.
Automatic Dishwasher	Older models require rinsing of dishes	New models do not require rinsing of dishes
Washing Machine	Full Cycle, Top Water Level; 40 to 60 gallons	Efficient Machine: 25 gallons or less

- ✓ **Turn off unnecessary lights.** Turn off lights when you leave a room.  
 IN MOST UNITS ONE SWITCH CONTROLS BOTH LIGHTS AND EXHAUST FANS IN BATHROOMS. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR BATHROOM LIGHTS ON YOU ARE ALSO RUNNING YOUR EXHAUST FAN. A RUNNING EXHAUST FAN NOT ONLY USES ELECTRICITY BUT ALSO SHORTENS THE LIFE OF THE FAN. IT IS BENEFICIAL TO RUN YOUR EXHAUST FAN WHEN WATER IS RUNNING AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER. BUT PROLONGED USE OF THE EXHAUST FAN IS WASTEFUL.
- ✓ **Check your patio and porch lights.** Some of us unintentionally leave patio and porch lights on.
- ✓ **Turn off your heat when you leave your unit.**  
 Our units heat up quickly once the heat is turned on. Leaving your heat on when no one is in your unit is wasteful.
- ✓ Turn down your heat at night. You will sleep better.
- ✓ Do not run partial loads. It does not require more energy to run a full load in you clothes washer, clothes dryer and dishwasher. When you run two half loads you use double the energy.

- ✓ Recycle! Over 3% of your association's budget goes for trash removal. Your association is not charged for pickup of recyclables (not mixed with non-recyclables). Our entire trash removal expense is for pickup of non-recyclables and mixed recyclables and non-recyclables. Separate recyclables from non-recyclables and deposit in the proper bin.

### **CONSERVE AND SAVE!**

Conserve Electricity, Conserve Gas, Conserve Water, Recycle

### **RECYCLING IS EASY, HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVES THE ASSOCIATION MONEY!**

Telegraph Landing has had a recycling program for some time, but it is not utilized by many Telegraph Landing dwellers. All separated recyclable materials are picked up and removed from the complex free of charge. The cost for removing non-recyclable materials or mixed recyclable and non-recyclable material is high and getting higher. So, the Maintenance and Operations Committee is embarking on a program urging Telegraph Landing dwellers to recycle by making it easier to recycle. There is no need to separate different kinds of recyclable material. Newspapers, plastic bottles, glass bottles, aluminum cans and other recyclable materials can be deposited in the same bin.

There are two or more trash receptacles at the elevator entrances on the garage level – one or more for recyclables and one for non-recyclables. There are several dumpsters (just to the right of the garage gates) four for recyclables and one for non-recyclables. In addition a non-recycling dumpster is located just outside of the building 4 elevator lobby. All are clearly marked.

Please separate your recyclables from your non-recyclables and deposit in the proper containers. Please use the chutes in the high-rise buildings and the containers located in the closets of the town home buildings for non-recyclables only.

All Telegraph Landing Dwellers will benefit from lower trash removal costs, and the environment will benefit as well.

- *Eli Frank, on behalf of Maintenance Committee*