

OUTSIDE

Rainwater Harvesting



The large metal tank in the courtyard can collect up to 13,500 gallons of rainwater for keeping the courtyard green, reducing water bills and saving drinking water.

Landscaping



Plants diminish heat around the building and ease storm runoff by soaking up more rainwater. Drought-tolerant plants reduce need for watering.

Solar Electric & Solar Thermal Arrays



Solar electric panels use the rays of the sun as part of Spring Terrace's power source, saving money on electric bills. Solar thermal panels also harness the sun's energy to heat water for indoor use.

Outside Lighting



Outdoor lighting is connected to photocells that save energy by switching lights on only when it's dark outside.

Surface Water Drainage



Water is directed away from the perimeter of the building, lowering risks of stagnant water puddles and building decay due to moisture.

INSIDE



Interior Lighting

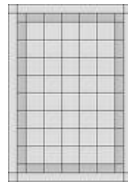
Lamps used in Spring Terrace use compact fluorescent light bulbs that last longer and use less energy than standard incandescent lights.

Cold Water Pipe Insulation



Insulating cold water pipes reduces the risk of pipe failure and condensation build-up that can cause moisture problems.

Ceramic Tile



Ceramic tiles are more durable and easier to maintain than carpet and vinyl flooring. This saves money and materials, and puts less waste into local landfills.

Recycling



Recycling bins allow residents greater ease of disposing recyclable materials, helping to conserve our natural resources.

Clothes Dryer Exhaust Vents



Hot air from clothes dryers will be blown directly to the outdoors to keep potentially harmful fumes from cleaning products away from living units.

Low-odor Paints, Adhesives and Sealants



Avoiding materials that put volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the air also cuts the risk of health problems, allergies and chemical sensitivities.

Energy Star Appliances



Products certified for their energy efficiency, such as refrigerators, reduce electricity costs.

Wet Surfaces



Smooth, durable and cleaning-friendly surfaces stand up to water wear and won't need to be replaced as often, saving time and replacement costs.

Low-Flow Fixtures



Low-flow water faucets, showerheads and toilets also save on water bills.

Formaldehyde-free Composite Wood



Using wood that doesn't contain formaldehyde reduces toxic gases indoors that put people at higher risk for health problems.

Spring Terrace is a supportive community of 140 efficiency apartments for adults living alone on very low incomes.

When Foundation Communities began renovating the building, formerly an extended-stay hotel, we wanted to make sure Spring Terrace was a healthy place to live for residents and the whole community.

The Green Building features at Spring Terrace improve energy efficiency, conserve water, create a healthy living environment, reduce waste and conserve our natural resources. What's good for people is also good for the environment.

What is Green Building?

Green building is the practice of reducing the impact that construction and renovation have on human health and the environment, usually by increasing how efficiently buildings use and harvest energy, water, and materials. This is accomplished through better building location, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and removal—the complete building life cycle.

What is Sustainability?

The concept of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs is known as sustainability.



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