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A Resource for Tenants and Landlords

# ***Why Does Energy Efficiency Matter for Your Apartment Building?***

**37%** of the energy consumed in the United States comes from the residential sector, and the average building wastes around a **third** of the energy it consumes.

That means **12%** of ALL of the United State's energy usage is going

NOWHERE!

In the face of climate change, it's more important than ever for all of us to be conscious of our energy usage!

After all...

- 2014, 2015, and 2016 have been the hottest years on record
- Ice sheets are melting and have been drastically changed forever
- Hundreds of thousands of species are threatened with extinction, and entire ecosystems are facing collapse
- Global flooding is predicted to triple by 2030, increasing annual economic flooding costs from \$83 billion to \$438 billion
- 250 million people are predicted to be displaced by 2050 due to climate change increased natural disasters and food and water shortages
- The Earth is currently at 10 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, an already disastrous increase

The energy that is *not being used* in your apartment is contributing to these disasters!

**PLUS**, making energy efficient choices can save you **hundreds of dollars** per year.

Even making small changes to your daily routine, such as turning off lights in rooms that are not in use or running your dishwasher less frequently, can save you at least **10% on your current utility bills.**