

# It's Easy Being Green!

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When thinking of listing your home in Taos or Angel Fire, perhaps the simple steps below can be a start to marketing your Taos property as a "Green" home! When purchasing Taos real estate, whether it is your primary residence or if the home is intended to be a Taos vacation rental, or a second home, it is also important keep these pointers in mind.

The US Energy Information Administration tells us that about 21% of US greenhouse gas emissions are generated from household energy use. So how can we make our homes more energy efficient? There are several easy steps we can take to improve energy efficiency:

1. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. If you can switch out 5 of your most used lights you could save about 3000 kilowatts of energy per day. Each compact fluorescent bulb you replace requires 75% less energy, produces 75% less heat and can last as much as 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb.
2. Make sure all leaks are plugged. Caulk and add weather stripping to windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
3. Unplug appliances, chargers and power adapters when not in use. 75% of electricity to power VCR's, TV's computers, stereos and kitchen appliances is consumed when these items are turned off so be conscientious and UNPLUG!
4. Avoid keeping your hot water super hot. Lowering the temperature by 10 degrees can mean 5% less energy consumption. A lower temperature can also assist in slowing mineral building and corrosion. This results better efficiency for a longer period of time.

Taking these easy steps to consume less energy reduces greenhouse gases since less fossil fuel is required which also provides financial savings to you. It's easy to be green!

Future blogs will offer more advanced suggestions to turn your Taos home into an energy efficient well run machine. Our agents are ready to serve all your Angel Fire or Taos real estate needs whether you are planning to buy a home or are considering listing your Taos property. Call us for a free comparative market analysis or for the best deals and land or homes in the Angel Fire or Taos real estate market. We are here for you.