

## MEMBERS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

AS A CO-OPERATIVE, WE ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND HOUSEHOLDS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

- Compost and recycle as broadly as possible;
- Produce one's own food through the use of community gardens or other means, **if they so choose;**
- The use, wherever possible, of non-disposable, non-toxic, and recyclable products;
- **The use of energy-efficient lighting**
- Conservation of energy wherever possible; **keeping your unit at a consistent temperature will save heating costs.**
- **Maintain unit temperatures at a higher level in winter and a lower level in summer, where feasible;**
- Use rain barrels for watering purposes;
- Support activities that increase the sustainability of local communities (i.e. purchase goods from local retailers);
- Minimize the transit of goods and the environmental cost of fossil fuel by seeking out locally produced products;
- Choose as often as possible to travel by a method less damaging to the environment, such as walking, biking, bus, or less polluting motor vehicles; and
- Continue to be open to learning about ways that each member may incorporate new ideas of sustainability into their daily lives.