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Engaging the communities where we live and work

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**Small changes. At 1,600 communities.
With 9,000 team members. For 30 days.**

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This year, Greystar's Sustainable September celebrated the strides we have made to develop more sustainable practices and lessen the environmental impacts at all of our communities. Greystar teams were tasked with engaging each community, office, and thousands of residents to do the right thing.

Play the Sustainable September video, and let your team know what you plan to do to celebrate Sustainable September.

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OUR PLEDGE



Greystar pledged to: Discontinue using plastic grocery bags for shopping needs and promote the use of reusable bags. Here are some key facts about how plastic bags impact our environment.



1. Plastic bags take up to 500 years or more to decompose (ScienceLearn.org)
2. Only .5% to 3% of all bags winds up recycled (BBC, CNN)
3. Thousands of birds, fish, and other wildlife are killed each year after ingesting plastic bags or getting caught in them (Center for Biological Diversity)
4. It takes up 12 million barrels of oil to produce the 100 billion plastic bags Americans use each year (The Wall Street Journal)
5. The petroleum used to produce 14 plastic bags can drive a car 1 mile (CoastalCare.org)

Our planet deserves to be treated better. Return plastic bags to recycling drop-off locations near store entrances, and bring reusable bags with you when you shop.

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STONELEIGH AT DEERFIELD APARTMENTS



Think before you print

Stoneleigh at Deerfield Apartments in Alpharetta, Georgia, pledged to complete a variety of community and resident engagement projects and post their projects on Facebook. Here are some of the green practices they committed to:

Community Engagement Projects

- Post fun resident activities promoting sustainability on social media featuring all team members
- Install electric car charging stations
- Email all leasing quotes to save paper
- Use green reusable drinking cups throughout the month

Resident Engagement Projects for Facebook

- Sell reusable tote bags for \$5, and donate the proceeds to St. Jude
- Start a Facebook hashtag trend to share green practices **#StoneleighGoGreen**
- Place a candy dish on desks – if someone wants a piece, they have to share something green that they do
- Host a community meet-and-greet with cupcakes, and chat about how the community participates in celebrating Sustainable September

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ST. TROPEZ APARTMENTS



A resident of **St. Tropez Apartments in Plantation, Florida** shared some green tips for reusing milk jugs.

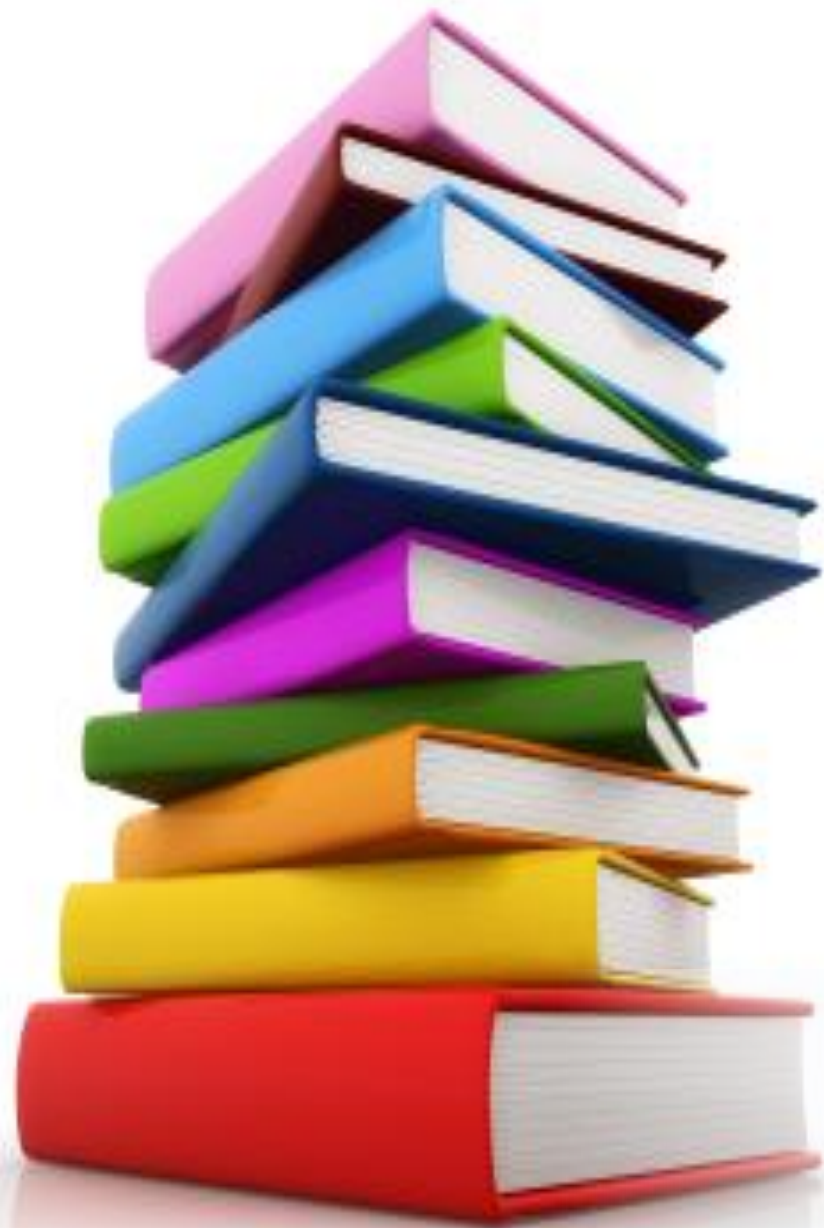


MILK JUG GHOSTS



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THE KENZIE AT THE DOMAIN APARTMENTS



The Kenzie at The Domain Apartments in Austin, Texas, started a book drive. All books are donated to a local Austin book shop.

In addition to the drive, the team replaced all styrofoam cups with sustainable paper cups.



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REFLECTIONS AT HAPPY VALLEY APARTMENTS

Reflections at Happy Valley Apartments in Happy Valley, Oregon, is not only recycling to help the environment, their commitment to be more sustainable also contributes to a cause that is important to Greystar.

The team recently started recycling scrap metals, such as keys, locks, and other metal items when replaced at the community, and takes them to the local scrap yard. **Proceeds are either donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or used for community events.**



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