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Eaton Seniors More Comfortable After Conversion

Eaton Senior Communities at 333 S. Eaton St., Lakewood, is swimming in savings after irrigation and landscape changes slowed water consumption by 1.6 million gallons in 2011 alone – that's enough water saved to date to fill a swimming pool the size of a football field.

That's not the only touchdown that Eaton Senior Communities Green Team has scored in the community of about 230 residents first opened in the early 1980s.

- Now two dumpsters of recycling leave the community each week.
- 240+ low-water-use toilets and low-flow faucet aerators were installed in apartments; Mile Hi Youth Corps provided the labor.
- Outdoor raised garden planters installed in partnership with Denver Urban Gardens benefit residents and the dining services department; Boy Scout troops help load the planters with planting mix.
- U.S. Department of Energy weatherization grants managed through the Governor's Energy Office, administered by Energy Outreach Colorado, allowed the replacement of all four community boilers with energy-efficient models; as well as replacement of 103 of the least energy-efficient apartment refrigerators; all community exit signs with LED signs, and common-area fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient ones.
- Xcel Energy provided compact fluorescent light bulbs for all apartment fixtures; Mile Hi Youth Corps provided the labor.
- Motion detector switches were added to public restrooms.
- Inefficient through-the-wall apartment air conditioners were replaced with energy-efficient models.

While green is the standard in senior community new construction, it takes a concerted Green Team to shift the tide and harbor savings such as those achieved at Eaton Senior Communities.

