

**Title:** Green Policy THINK GREEN!

**Purpose:** Holiday Beech Villas: This policy provides for the opportunity for Holiday Beech Villas Board, Management, and Homeowners to protect, preserve and conserve as we maintain, preserve, and improve our buildings and grounds to use environmentally friendly practices and methodologies. Contribute to NC POWER on Power Bill. Look for opportunities' to take advantage of Federal and State Tax Credits

**I. Site**

1. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all public lighting fixtures.
2. Considerer the addition of solar panels to power common area light fixtures.
3. Use rain barrels to collect water from gutters to be used for watering plants, thus reducing water use from the Town of Beech.
4. Create central area for composting of yard maintenance.
5. Use native plants and xeriscaping in common areas, use native plants in common areas to reduce increase natural areas to reduce weed eating.
6. Homeowners will benefit w/lower water bills and reduced grounds maintenance costs.
7. Use electric weed eaters in lieu of gas powered.
8. Reduce or limit use of chemical herbicides and fertilizers use organic alternatives.
9. Recycle building materials and landscape timbers as we make changes and improvements.
10. When Trees are removed, shred debris for use as mulch.
11. Maintain pervious driveways and parking areas to reduce runoff and erosion.

**II. Indoors**

1. There are many opportunities for the home owners to do preventive maintenance by upgrading the original appliances, water heaters, and heating units to energy star rated units: Following are suggestions to be more environmentally responsible and at the same time reduce your own energy costs for your individual units.
  - a. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
  - b. Use natural and neutral window covering with insulated drapes or window treatments in the winter. PVC blinds are petroleum based synthetics. Bamboo or basswood blinds are fast growing & environmentally responsible manufactured.
  - c. Programmable thermostats cut off water heater when not using or being away from your unit for extended periods.
  - d. Caulk around windows and doors to reduce drafts and save energy and keep out pests.
  - e. Insulate electric outlets on exterior walls to reduce air infiltration.
  - f. Encourage use of low-flow shower heads, faucets and toilets as these elements are replaced.
  - g. Use energy star rated appliances, heating units and water heaters as they are replaced.

**III. For additional info:**

- a. 1. [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org)