



## Lighting Update

In our continuing efforts to "Practice Green" we are switching out old, high wattage bulbs with more efficient alternatives. Here is a break down of some of the newest lighting technology being installed:

**LED (Light Emitting Diode)** – A light bulb that converts electricity to light by using the movement of electrons as opposed to using mercury vapors. LEDs emit no ultra violet (UV) light, and they don't generate heat. LEDs are small, and are often used in digital clocks and as indicator lights in cars and remote controls. LEDs don't burn out or flicker, they simply fade.

**CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamp)** – A fluorescent bulb that contains a gas that produces invisible ultraviolet light (UV) when the gas is excited by electricity. Because fluorescent bulbs don't use heat to create light, they are far more energy-efficient than regular incandescent. Compact fluorescent bulbs are best used in fixtures that are left on for longer periods of time rather than in fixtures that are turned off and on frequently.

## Get Your Discount on Green Supplies

515 North State Street has arranged for the tenants of the building to receive an additional discount for a variety of Green Items purchased through Staples. We will be featuring a Green Item of the Month in the 515 North State Street Newsletter. The Item of the Month for March is **Sustainable Earth by Staples Remanufactured Toner**. Every cartridge is made from premium components and is 100% post-production tested to ensure optimum quality and performance. Using Sustainable Earth remanufactured toner helps reduce the number of empty cartridges sent to landfills.

To set up your Staples account and begin receiving your Building Discount, please contact Jackie VanZant at 312.208.8147 or Jackie.vanzant@staples.com.



The table below compares the watts used by a regular incandescent bulb versus a compact fluorescent bulb to produce the same amount of light.

<u>Standard bulb</u>	<u>CFL bulb</u>
40 watt	10 watt
60 watt	13 watt
75 watt	20 watt
100 watt	26 watt
150 watt	38 watt
250 watt	55 watt



## Occupancy Sensors

The wall switch occupancy sensors that have been installed in our restrooms are designed to turn the lights ON when motion is detected and keep the lights ON for as long as motion is detected. They are also sensitive to heat emitted by the human body and in order to initially trigger the sensor, the heat source must move from one zone to another. The occupancy sensors can be installed within your space at a cost of \$60 each. We strongly encourage our tenants to try them in their spaces and benefit from the decreased energy bill. Please contact the Office of the Building if interested.

## Recycling Update

- 515 North State Street collected almost 2,200 lbs. of electronics recycling during our last E-Waste Drive!
- Over the past two years, our building has increased our recycling rate by 20%!

## April is Earth Month!!!

### Upcoming Earth Month Events

- Lunchtime trolley to Northerly Island
- Bleeding Heart baked goods
- Recycled Art Show
- Sustainable Materials Jewelry Sale
- Green Supplies Fair
- Commuter and Comfort Survey

## EARTH HOUR 2010

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 pm-9:30 pm

This is the third year the city of Chicago and 515 North State Street are participating in Earth Hour, a global movement led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and presented locally by ComEd. For one hour, hundreds of millions of people around the world will turn off their lights, symbolically calling for action on climate change. This year the building will be turning off all of the exterior arcade lighting and lighting throughout the interior office spaces. In 2009, more than 4,000 cities in 87 countries on 7 continents went dark. Participation is easy – just turn off your lights on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm.

For more information visit [www.myearthhour.org](http://www.myearthhour.org)



## SPOTLIGHT ON HAILU TAREKEGN



Hailu has been a part of the Security staff at 515 North State Street for the past six months. His primary role is providing security at the front desk in the lobby and monitoring the building's dock. Once the Palomar Hotel opens at 505 North State Street, Hailu's primary assignment will be to coordinate dock security between 515 and 505's shared dock space. In July of 2009 Hailu moved from London where he was also employed in the security business.

## Enjoy the First Day of Spring!!! Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Watch for our bright display of plants and flowers to celebrate the first day of Spring. We will include plants such as bamboo and eucalyptus which are considered "renewable resources" that are used to make paper products.

### Keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter highlights...

- Updated website including green info
- Earth Day events throughout the month of April (Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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