

# River-Friendly Business Certification Program

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# Signage for the rain water collection system



### I/T Green Team Tips, July 2011

(Being environmentally friendly at home.)

#### Ways to Conserve Water:

- Be sure to fix leaky faucets & toilets. According to Water Sense, an EPA program, leaks can account for an average of 10,000 gallons of water wasted per year in an individual home. To detect leaks: purchase a water leak monitor or watch to see if your water meter moves while no water is being used in the home.
- Install low-flow toilets and shower heads.
- Steam, rather than boil veggies, or re-use leftover cooking water for watering plants and/or cleaning.
- Run only full washers and dishwashers.
- If you have a garden, consider installing a rain barrel. |



#### Ways to Conserve Energy:

- Explore transportation options such as: carpooling, public transit, or bicycling.
- Turn off lights, computers, TVs and other household appliances when not in use.
  - Although electronics may be *off* they can still eat up energy when on stand-by settings. "Smart" power strips can eliminate the idle status on electronics such as: computers, printers, scanners, DVD players, and more.
- Purchase energy efficient electronics.
  - Keep track of the energy those appliances use with an electricity monitor which displays real-time energy consumption.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient LED or fluorescent bulbs.
- Consider investing in solar panels.
- Calculate your carbon footprint or personal energy usage to identify areas in which you can improve your conservation efforts. Remember: preserving energy and the environment can help you save money as well!



## Employee Education

# Blue Bird Nest Boxes

