

*The City of Suwanee is going Green  
and keeping it cool.*

The City of Suwanee is working to become certified as a Green Community in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program. The program is designed to encourage local governments to become more sustainable and to reduce their environmental impacts and to promote education of green practices in the community. Certified Green Communities set an example by conserving energy, investing in renewable energy, and protecting natural resources.

One of the ways Suwanee is going green is by becoming aware of how we affect our environment. The City Hall has a recycle room where paper, aluminum, plastic, and cardboard are collected and then taken to be recycled. All lights in the City Hall are on motion sensors, so we do not waste energy. By altering our daily practices through education, we conserve energy, paper, and help improve the environment by conserving water, planting trees, and promoting green practices.



For more information Green Living:  
<http://www.thegreenguide.com>

For more information on Recycling:  
<http://planetgreen.discovery.com>  
<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/mainmap.htm>

For more information on saving energy and water:  
[www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/](http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/)  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)  
[www.earteasy.com/live\\_water\\_saving.htm](http://www.earteasy.com/live_water_saving.htm)



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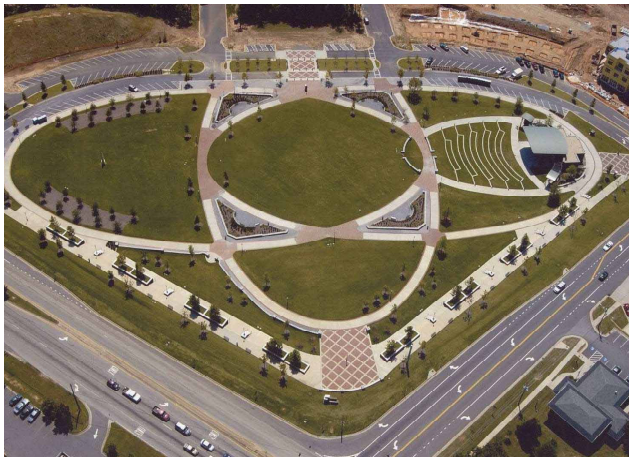
Green Initiative:

*What can you do  
to help?*

## The City of Suwanee Green Initiative

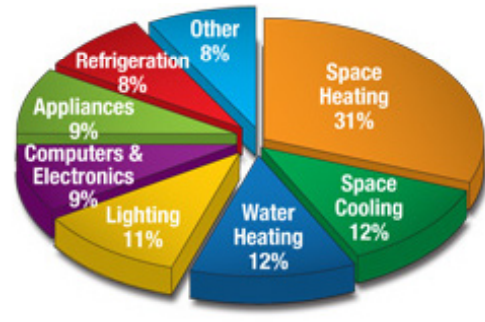
### Did you know...

- The City of Suwanee is greener than you think.
- Suwanee has approximately 650 acres of greenspace, parks, and trails.
- Suwanee requires trees to be planted in parking lots and around buildings, which reduces the urban heat island effect.
- Suwanee enforces Georgia's energy codes, which promote energy efficiency.
- City Hall recycles paper, aluminum, plastic, and cardboard and purchases recycled paper and other materials.
- Suwanee's weekly Farmers Market in Town Center Park provides locally grown produce, which promotes healthy living because you eat fruits and vegetables that are fresher than store bought produce.
- Suwanee's new City Hall is on track to be the second public building in Gwinnett County to be LEED® Certified.



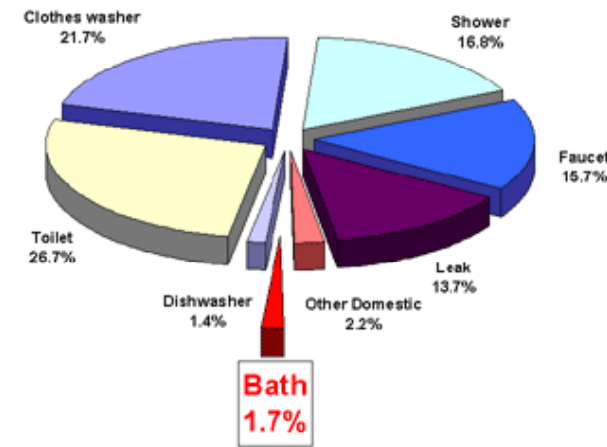
### How green are you at home?

- Appliances and electronics account for about 18% of your household's energy consumption, with refrigerators, clothes washers, and clothes dryers at the top of the consumption list.



[www.r-prollc.com/SavingEnergy.html](http://www.r-prollc.com/SavingEnergy.html)

- Holes or cracks around your walls, ceilings, windows, doors, light and plumbing fixtures, switches, and electrical outlets can leak air into or out of your home, wasting energy.
- Running the tap while brushing your teeth can waste up to 5 gallons of water per day.



Source: [www.h2ouse.net](http://www.h2ouse.net)

- TVs, tape recorders, and DVD players use up to 10 watts of electricity while they are turned off. It is estimated that these appliances use about 450 kWh per household annually ([eere.en.gov](http://eere.en.gov)).
- When "warming up" your car on cold days, for every two minutes your car is idling, it uses about the same amount of fuel it takes to go about one mile.

### What can you do?

- Unplug appliances or equipment that you seldom use. If you are not charging your cell phone, unplug the charger.
- Take shorter showers. A four minute shower uses approximately 20-40 gallons of water.
- Install a programmable thermostat or regularly reduce your thermostat settings when sleeping or when no one is at home.
- Install low-flow shower heads, faucet heads and commodes and replace leaky faucet washers and repair leaky commodes.
- Use recycled paper products (paper towels, bathroom tissue, writing and printer paper, etc.)

### Why recycle?

- Recycling reduces the need for land-filling and incineration.
- Recycling prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.