

JOIN PREMERA

in caring for the environment



At Premera, we believe in being good stewards of the environment. We are aware that the health of our communities is closely linked to the health of our environment, and we continue to seek new opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint. Programs and systems throughout Premera help use resources wisely and protect the environment. Premera's energy reduction initiatives were recognized in 2011 by the Snohomish County PUD's community-wide Energy Challenge. The following are examples of steps taken to reduce energy, water usage and waste at Premera.

Conserving Energy »

- Building automation software and occupancy sensors to control lighting and HVAC systems
- Reflective roofing materials
- Energy-efficient and high-output lighting fixtures

- Sustainable, drought resistant landscaping
- Run-off system to minimize ground water contamination
- Eco-friendly carpet

Conserving and Protecting Water »

- Bioswale in Premera's parking lots in Washington to catch and filter run-off water
- Drip and rain sensing irrigation
- Low water consumption plumbing fixtures

Additional Eco-Friendly Initiatives »

- Employee commute reduction encouraged through carpool or alternate means of transportation
- Encouraging associates to bring reusable cups to work
- Encouraging associates and members to use paperless explanation of benefits (EOBs)
- Migrating information to electronic format and duplex copying to reduce the use of paper
- Improving operational efficiency

Recycling »

- Paper, plastics, cell phones, computers, batteries, light bulbs, toner cartridges, kitchen grease, and writing instruments
- Extensive composting of waste from throughout the Mountlake Terrace campus, including yard waste

Premera's Green Team is comprised of associates from many areas of the organization. The team raises awareness and identifies initiatives to reduce our environmental footprint.

Utilizing Environmentally Sensitive Design and Construction »

- Maximize use of natural light
- Paints and finishes selected to minimize off-gassing

