

## **CITY OF AUSTIN ENERGY USAGE POLICY**

- The City will encourage energy and natural resource conservation while practicing sound financial management.
- The City will develop short and long-range strategies to support energy awareness and efficiency and encourage participation in energy efficiency efforts.
- City department heads or their designees will be responsible for monitoring and reporting of energy use and cost to the finance director on an annual basis.
- Energy efficiency will be a major consideration in purchasing equipment, new construction and remodeling of City facilities.
- Operational standards
  - Lighting will be turned off in unoccupied areas except corridors, stairwells, and exits as necessary for safety
  - Windows should be kept closed during the heating season and when air conditioning units are in operation
  - All electronics should be shut off at night

## **CITY OF AUSTIN WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING POLICY**

- The City will comply with all state laws relating to waste management and to make resource conservation an integral part of City operations.
- The City of Austin promotes the:
  - Reduction of waste
  - Separation of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials
  - Procurement of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials
- The City will attempt to:
  - Decrease the amount of waste of consumable materials whenever practicable
  - Promote full utilization of materials prior to disposal
  - Minimize the use of non-biodegradable products whenever practicable
- Each City facility will have containers for at least three of the following materials: paper, glass, plastic, and metal. The City will then collect and recycle said material in a manner worked out with Mower County Recycling Center.