

IRVINE'S SMART INVESTMENTS



IMPLEMENTING GREEN BUILDING CODES

By establishing green building codes, developers and residents alike will be able to understand the policies, the process, and the implementation of Irvine's greener codes. For example, these codes include information on roof top solar equipment, energy efficiency, and water conservation.



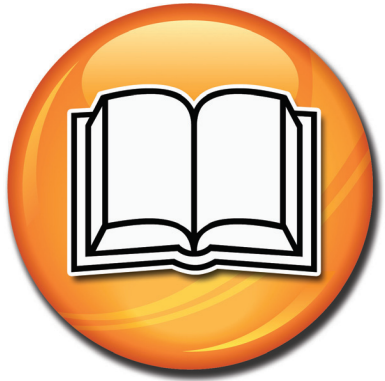
CREATING A HEALTHY CITY, HEALTHY PLANET

Through its ongoing planning and operations, the City of Irvine is building healthy, strong, vibrant, and safe communities throughout the City. Irvine was the first city in Orange County to tackle climate change issues at a local level. Their efforts have been applauded for the innovation and comprehensive approach.



ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR THE GENERAL PLAN

Ensuring the General Plan contains information related to transit, compact development, greenhouse gas emissions, and more, the City of Irvine is preparing a Sustainability Framework to help guide a forthcoming comprehensive update to its General Plan.



DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABILITY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL DECISIONS

Thinking about the phrase "life cycle" means a lot to Irvine city staff. In fact, every decision from purchasing sustainable paper to replacing grass with native plants must take into consideration all of the pros and cons over the short and long term. To this end, staff are developing a sustainability manual to help guide the City in these decisions.



PLACING SOLAR RECYCLING BINS AT CITY FACILITIES

The City offices proudly display recycling bins that collect materials by type. These high tech recycling containers can compact and cube recycled materials, such as aluminum cans. Therefore, the City is no longer dependent on the grid, but instead can energize the container's work through renewable energy... the sun's power.



For more information on the City of Irvine's Smart Investments, please contact: Meredith Reynolds at 949-724-6684 or Bill Jacobs on Irvine's General Plan at 949-724-6521.

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