

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Exploring ways to do more



Through our focus on sustainability, we are making a difference for our investors, our customers and the communities we serve.

At Extra Space Storage<sup>®</sup>, we like to say that green is our company color – and our company policy. We continue to focus on sustainability and to reap the benefits of saving energy.

In 2012 we invested \$18 million to install solar panels on 60 properties. Since 2009, this

program has dramatically cut our electric bills while reducing our environmental footprint, in addition to providing us with tax credits. As with all our sustainability initiatives, we invest in locations with the shortest payback periods to make the biggest impact.

We also continue to retrofit our properties with energy-efficient lighting and motion sensors, making sure to apply for rebates and to recycle old components. Last year we finished energy retrofits at 123 properties, replacing fixtures with advanced lighting technologies that use significantly less electricity.

Altogether, we reduced our greenhouse gas emissions last year by an estimated 39 million pounds of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of taking more than 3,670 cars permanently off the road.

In addition, we are focused on recycling to keep waste out of local landfills. At key locations, we enable customers to recycle everything from cardboard boxes and shrink wrap to batteries and ballasts. By making small changes in our business practices, we are investing in a sustainable future for the benefit of our investors, our customers and our employees.