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RMK Management Corp. Expands Green Initiative for Earth Day
RMK partners with Nicor, People's Gas, ComEd and Honeywell to save energy, money

CHICAGO (Monday, April 2, 2012) – Chicago-based RMK Management Corp., the area's largest market-rate apartment management firm, has announced it is expanding its green initiatives throughout all properties they currently manage. The firm has partnered with Nicor, People's Gas, ComEd and Honeywell on a new program that will save money for both residents and property owners on their utilities. As part of its 2012 green initiative, RMK will also be giving away compact fluorescent bulbs and recycling bags to all residents, as well as hosting an Earth Day electronics recycling event on April 22.

"Being environmentally conscious has been a priority for all properties we manage," said Anthony Rossi, Sr., president of RMK Management. "We've had a number of green programs in place for years, such as community-wide recycling, using green cleaning products in common areas, having energy-efficient lighting in common areas, and selecting landscaping materials that require less watering."

He added, "With around 9,000 units in three states under management, we know we can have a significant impact on the environment, so we wanted to find a way to do more."

To save on heating and cooling costs at its properties, RMK has partnered with Nicor, People's Gas, ComEd and Honeywell, to install programmable thermostats in apartments that were built more than five years ago. RMK is also in the process of installing water-efficient plumbing fixtures in most of its older buildings as well.

Lastly, RMK will provide and install up to six compact fluorescent light bulbs for each resident.

These measures, according to the utility partners, add up to more than \$250,000 in estimated savings annually across 13 of the properties.

"While this is a major investment for us at these properties, we know the returns are worth it," noted Rossi. "Not only will these efforts lead to financial and energy savings, but they also help RMK to continue to differentiate our properties. We feel that the apartment homes we manage are just that – homes. And we want our residents to feel comfortable and proud of their residence and community. It's important to our residents to know their apartment is a little more eco-friendly, and that by selecting an RMK community, they are helping to make a difference in the environment."

To celebrate Earth Day on April 22, RMK will supply residents with two recycling bags as well as host a free electronics recycling event for residents at all properties.



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For more information on RMK Management Corp. and its portfolio of properties, visit www.rmk.com.

Chicago-based RMK Management Corp. manages more than 8,000 apartment homes in the Chicago, Minneapolis and Merrillville, Indiana areas. The company's portfolio spans a range of apartment types, from high-rise and mid-rise buildings to two- and three-story walk-up apartments, garden apartments and affordable housing. RMK also develops, builds and renovates communities. The 23 Chicagoland communities are located in Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion, Barrington, Palatine, Libertyville, Schaumburg, Arlington Heights, Oswego, Aurora, Naperville, Downers Grove, Oakbrook Terrace, Evanston, Chicago and Merrillville, Ind. Communities in Minnesota are located in Minneapolis and Edina.

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