

## **Apartment Living is Green**

FRPO report shows apartment living and renting has a smaller environmental footprint compared to the alternatives

**Toronto, Ontario (July 19, 2012)** – A report released by the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) shows that both apartment living and renting respectively contribute to greener living in a variety of ways compared to low-density living and ownership.

The report provides evidence that apartments should be at the core of any environmental sustainability strategy. By almost every measure, apartment dwellers surpass residents in low-rise homes in contributing to a cleaner environment by their choice of dwelling and tenure.

Among the findings in FRPO's report, *Apartment Living is Green* ([www.frpo.org](http://www.frpo.org)), were the following:

- Apartments use 65% less energy than single family homes
- Renters consume half the energy of homeowners
- Single family dwellings use 67 percent more water than apartments
- Apartment owners and renters have shorter commutes
- Apartment owners and renters use greener transportation

"Renters and multi-residential households can take some pride that their living style contributes to a greener environment", said Vince Brescia, President and CEO of FRPO. "Choosing apartment living has significant – and positive – implications for energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainable public transit. As it turns out, our choice where to live matters".

Apartment living also results in less energy used through transportation. Renters are 150% more likely to take public transit and 175% more likely to walk compared to homeowners. Renters also ease gridlock by living closer to their jobs, with the average renter travelling just 9.6 kilometres to work, compared to 13.8 kilometres for the average homeowner.

Many households already choose the flexibility of rental living for its affordability and convenience. FRPO's report now shows that apartment living is also the green choice compared to single-family homeownership, resulting in a smaller environmental footprint, reduced energy and water consumption, less waste generated and reduced pressure on urban transportation networks.

### **About FRPO**

The Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) is the province's leading advocate for quality rental housing. We represent a wide range of multi-residential housing providers who supply and manage homes for over 350,000 households across Ontario. We are promoting a healthy and competitive rental housing industry by ensuring the impact of legislative and regulatory changes serve the best interests of landlords and tenants.

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