



YOU HAVE THE POWER To Reduce Our Carbon Footprint!

We are committed to reducing our energy use and minimizing our campus carbon footprint, but we can't do it alone. We need you to do your part by reducing energy and water consumption. This is your chance to do something good for our planet. You have the power!

Top Ten Ways Students Can Reduce Energy Consumption:

10. **Lighting** – Turn it off! An over lit dorm room creates an annoying glare on computer screens and your roommate. Use compact fluorescent desk lighting as needed.
9. **Leaky faucets, dripping showers or running toilets** – If you have them, pick up the phone and call the Facilities Department. A 1/16-inch leak can waste up to 25,000 gallons a month!
8. **Showers** – Get in, get out. An extra two minutes in a shower wastes over 5 gallons of water.
7. **Laundry** – Try washing your clothes in cold water. Save up to 80% of energy per load by washing in cold. Clean the dryer lint filter before every load. Your clothes will dry faster and may save you from having to run the dryer cycle twice for your big loads.
6. **Temperature** – You have the power to save energy by simply controlling the temperature in your room. Use a fan to cool off, rather than cranking up the A/C. In the winter, wear a sweater and turn the heat down. Make sure the vents in your room are not blocked.
5. **Pull the plug on unused electronics** – Electronics continue to use energy when they are unused or blinking. Unplug your chargers and unused electronics. Turn off your computer and printer when you are at class or sleeping.
4. **Purchase Energy Star labeled refrigerators, computers, printers and electronics** – The Energy Star label will be on the box.
3. **Computers** – Enable the sleep mode on your computer and save up to 70% of the energy use! Turn off energy-wasting screen savers. E-mail your papers to your teachers. Print documents only when you believe it is worth the natural resources.
2. **Cars** – Automobiles are a major contributor to carbon footprints. Try walking or riding a bike instead of driving. Take the bus, or carpool. Slow down. Buy a hybrid automobile.



AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY STUDENTS CAN HELP...

1. **Follow your mother's advice!** "Turn off the lights. Close the curtains. Close the refrigerator door. Don't drive so fast. Turn off the TV and do your homework."

Please call the Facilities Department to report maintenance issues, temperature problems, dripping faucets, or any other energy wasting problems. Thank you for helping to reduce the carbon footprint of our campus.