

Energy Efficiency

Did you know...

Reducing your energy use is good for the planet and your wallet? It's a great way to combat climate change, clean the air we breathe, protect vulnerable land and ocean ecosystems, improve the competitiveness of our businesses, create jobs, and reduce energy costs for consumers!

Make energy efficiency a priority!

- The average car emits 5 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year.
- A 2-car household would have to plant 40 trees per year to offset their annual car driving.
- It's costing us! American families spend more on energy than property taxes of homeowners insurance.

Energy use is affecting more than our pocketbooks

- The carbon intensive fuels we use impact the world around us through climate change in the forms of intense storms, drought, wildfires and coastal damage.

Here are ways to reduce your energy footprint:

- Always turn off the lights when not in use.
- Unplug whatever you're not using, especially charging power cords. These "energy vampires" suck up stand-by power.
- Activate energy saving modes and disable screensavers on your computer, monitor, and other electronics. Turn them off at night.
- Plug electronics into a power strip for an easy way to turn them off all at once when away or while you sleep.
- Purchase energy efficient LED light bulbs and lamps.
- Wash clothes using cold water and use a drying rack when possible.
- Clean the dryer lint filter between each use.
- Coordinate with your roommates (or apartment mates) to share these appliances as much as possible.