

Replace all of the old incandescent light bulbs in your dorm room or home with the newer compact fluorescent bulbs. they used 75% less energy, last longer and can save \$40 per bulb over 4 years! That's \$40 savings per bulb when you graduate!



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- When can a light bulb save the most energy? When its not being used! Turning off the light when you're not in the room and using natural daylight whenever possible are your best bet on saving the most.



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- Stay on task! Use task lighting (lighting for a specific area such as a desk lamp) instead of overhead lighting. Task lighting uses 15% less energy.



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- Shorten those showers! Even a one or two minute reduction in your daily shower can save up to 687 gallons per month!



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- Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth saves up to 3 gallons daily.



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- Get that dripping tap fixed! It can waste as much as 13 gallons of water daily.



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- Challenge your friends in your dorm to reduce the amount garbage they produce in a day. Results can be intriguing!



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- Make use of that bright, sunshine! During the day, let in natural daylight by opening blinds and pulling back curtains to allow sunlight inside. This will minimize the need to turn on lights and will provide some heat during the winter.



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- Pull out those rollerblades or your bicycle and go from point A to point B using pedal (or roller) power!



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- Use 100% recycled paper and notebooks for taking notes.



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- Go paperless! With your existing PC, laptop or PDA, your notebooks can be kept electronically. Print only when necessary.



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- Ask your professor about electronic submissions for essays, labs and assignments.



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- Be informed! Do some research before buying products claiming to be natural, environmentally friendly, eco-friendly, green, organic, or all natural. Asking the hard questions usually leads to some surprising answers!



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- Support local produce retailers and farmers' markets. Fruits and vegetables bought from local growers are usually fresher, cheaper and contribute less CO2 emissions than produce that is shipped from abroad. For more information on local produce visit the Marshall Farmers Market on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.



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- Purchase items that will contribute less non-recyclable materials to the landfills.



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- Ask for no bags when purchasing items at any store. Or better yet, BYORB - bring your own reusable bags!



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- **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.



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- **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.



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- **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.



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- **Purchase Energy Star** labeled refrigerators, computers, printers and electronics – The Energy Star label will be on the box.



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- **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.



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- **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.



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