

# Fun Facts!

- ⇒ A five minute shower uses between 20 and 35 gallons of water on average in the U.S.
- ⇒ Even though the U.S. accounts for only 5 percent of the world's population, it consumes 26 percent of the world's energy.
- ⇒ Energy saved from recycling one aluminum can could operate a computer or TV for three hours and a six-pack saves enough energy to drive a car five miles.
- ⇒ One glass bottle saves enough energy to power a 400-watt light bulb for four hours.
- ⇒ In the US, over 40% of municipal solid waste is paper.
- ⇒ Biodegrading in a landfill takes:
  - 90 years for an aluminum can
  - 700 years for a plastic bottle
  - 1 million years for a glass bottle
- ⇒ Every 40 cases of 100% post consumer fiber paper saves the equivalent of the following:
  - 24 trees 40 feet in height
  - 7,000 gallons of water
  - 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity
  - 60 pounds of air pollution

Source: <http://www.sustain.ucla.edu>

For more information on how to be sustainable in the residence halls, please visit:

[reslife.uww.edu/sustainability](http://reslife.uww.edu/sustainability)

Here you can find resources for recycling and conserving energy, as well as ways you can get involved and recent statistics from our sustainability programs!

If you have any questions or comments, please use the suggestions form on the site, email [orlsc@uww.edu](mailto:orlsc@uww.edu), or call 262.472.5275!



## Additional Resources

### **UWW Sustainability Facebook Page**

<http://www.facebook.com/uwwsustainability?sk=wall>

### **Sustainability in UWW Dining Services**

<http://www.dineoncampus.com/uww/show.cfm?cmd=sustainability>

### **John's Disposal and Recycling**

<http://www.johnsdisposal.com/>

### **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)**

<http://www.aashe.org/>

### **Wisconsin DNR Website**

<http://dnr.wi.gov/>

## Residence Life Sustainability

# Tips for Keeping Your Room and Campus Green

*Help UW-Whitewater  
Stay Sustainable!*

## 10 Tips on Saving Electricity in your Room

1. Use CFL light bulbs. They can use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs!
2. When possible, open your blinds or curtains and use natural daylight! It saves energy and is shown to make people feel better throughout the day.
3. Televisions are vampires that suck electricity even when off. Unplug when not in use or hook up to a power strip and turn off at night.
4. Personal printers use energy when not in use. Turn this off when it is not printing. It only takes a second!
5. Use sleep mode for laptops, not screen savers. Sleep mode reduces the amount of power your laptop uses AND can increase your battery life.
6. Turn off your lights when you leave your room! This is so easy, yet few people do it.
7. Unplug your gaming consoles. These consoles do take in energy even when not turned on.
8. Use power strips for your TVs, Microwaves, DVD players, Computers, and all other devices that take energy when not in use. This can let you turn them all off with one easy flip of a switch!
9. When you are done using your laptop for the day, turn it completely off, don't just leave it in sleep mode.



10. Buy Energy Star appliances when you move into the residence halls. They use much less energy and tend to be more reliable.

Source: <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/energy-climate/resources/424-green-dorm>

## What Can Be Recycled at UWW?

UW-Whitewater uses John's Disposal as it's carrier. John's accepts the following items for recycling:

- Aluminum Foil
- Tin, steel, aerosol, and dried paint cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- #1 and #2 plastics with **threaded tops only**
- Milk and juice cartons
- Newspapers, magazines, books, mail, office paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Empty Pizza Boxes
- Gray chipboard (cereal boxes and shoe boxes)
- Brown paper bags

### DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS!

- Plastic bags or any plastics that are not #1 or #2
- Trash
- Toys



For more information, go to <http://www.johnsdisposal.com/>

## E-Cycle Wisconsin

### What is It?

Throwing electronics (including cell phones) into the trash and having them taken to landfills is illegal in Wisconsin now. E-cycle Wisconsin was created to help people properly dispose of their electronics.

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At UWW, all electronic items covered by the state recycling law can be properly disposed of behind the front desks of each individual residence hall!

### So, what can I E-cycle!

All items listed under the law and more can be turned into the front desk to be properly disposed of, including:

- Computers (desktops, laptops, and tablets)
- Desktop printers/scanners/copiers
- Computer monitors\*
- Televisions\*
- DVD players, VCRs, and DVRs
- Fax machines\*
- Mice and keyboards
- Computer accessories, including hard devices, speakers, flash drives, and modems
- Cell Phones
- Personal batteries
- Ink cartridges

\*For large items, contact either or Complex Director or Assistant Complex Director.

Go to [dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin](http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin) for more info!