



SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE

HONEYSUCKLE STUDENT APARTMENTS

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There are low cost and effective actions you can take as a resident to reduce energy use in your apartment, while increasing comfort. This guide will help you through small changes to your behavior that will increase your “green” effectiveness at Honeysuckle. By practicing these habits while living at Honeysuckle, you will have better preparation at reducing your carbon footprint when owning your own home.

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Lighting

- Switch off the lights when not in use. This will save you money on your energy bills.
- Let in natural light. There is zero cost for natural lighting and it reduces your energy consumption.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) or light emitting diodes (LEDs). These bulbs are energy efficient and cheap to run for any lighting you may have purchased for your apartment.

Heating & Cooling

Heating and cooling is the most energy consuming activities in your apartment. By following the tips below, you can reduce your consumption and possibly avoid a utility overage.

- Put on a hoodie. Increasing your clothing for warmth instead of going straight for the thermostat.
- Use your heat and air conditioning wisely. In the Winter time, keep the thermostat at 65-68°F and in the Summer, keep the thermostat between 76-79°F. Each degree lower in the Winter and higher in the Summer can decrease your greenhouse gas emissions by 10%. Keep the temperature constant and alter clothing to keep you at your desired temperature.

Common Area / Bedroom

- Turn off televisions, gaming systems, computers, and any other electronics when not in use for an extended period of time.

ENERGY STAR RATING

Look for the Energy Rating label when purchasing new items.

The Energy Rating scheme rates the energy efficiency of electrical products and can help you with purchasing products that will help reduce your footprint.

When purchasing products, be sure to look at comparative energy consumption, which is shown in kilowatt-hours (kWh).



In the Kitchen

The kitchen is a room in the apartment that contains high energy and water consuming appliances. There are many savings that can occur in the kitchen.

Refrigerator

- Do not leave the door of the fridge open longer than necessary.
- Do not place hot items in the fridge. Allow items to cool and then place them in the fridge. This will prevent the fridge from overworking, in turn expending extra energy.
- If you have a second fridge or freezer, assess whether this is necessary.

Water

- When cooking, boil only water that you need. By only boiling the water that is required, this saves energy consumption.
- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- Prior to running your dishwasher, allow water to run in the sink until hot. This will allow the dishwasher to clean more efficiently the first time.
- Scrape food scraps into the garbage can rather than rinsing them in your sink.

Bathroom

The bathroom is notorious for water consumption. There are simple actions that can be taken to minimize water and energy consumption in the bathroom.

- To lessen water consumption, do not keep the faucet running when brushing your teeth or shaving. Practice short, efficient shower taking methods.
- Lessen greenhouse gas emissions by washing in cooler water and reducing the heat of your showers. This will also reduce the time it takes for your hot water tank to recycle hot water.

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Laundry

The laundry is another area in the apartment where high water use and energy use behaviors can be minimized.

- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Wash a full load.
- Use eco-friendly detergents.
- Clean the lint trap in the dryer after every load, this will allow clothes to dry properly.

Reducing Waste

- Avoid waste. Shopping smart for products that use minimal waste or recyclable packaging can help you minimize waste in your apartment.
- Recycle products. Honeysuckle recycles plastic, aluminum cans, tin cans, brown glass, clear glass, and green glass. See locations on the right side of this page.
- Give unwanted items a new life. Instead of adding to a landfill, give your unwanted items to charities like AGAPE, United Way, Goodwill, and Salvation Army Stores.
- Recycle batteries and printer cartridges. Check out local stores for drop off points for batteries and printer cartridge recycling.

Transportation

- Walk, cycle, or catch our shuttle. Shuttle schedules can be found at our Clubhouse.
- Be car-wise. If you have the ability to carpool or reduce the distance you need to drive by combining it with walking, cycling, or catching a shuttle, you will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Active transportation activities such as walking and cycling also promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Try and work close to where you live. This provides health benefits as well as reducing your reliance on vehicles and the time spent in a vehicle on the road.

Where can I
recycle?

We have three
locations:

Next to the 200 Building

Next to the 300 Building

Behind the 400 Building

Local Ink
Cartridge
Recycling:

www.staples.com

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