

Energy Saving Tips for the Dorm



Turn off electrical appliances when you leave the room for more than 10 minutes.



Keep doors and windows closed when heating or cooling the room.



Always turn off unnecessary lights.



To save energy, create a cooling breeze with a portable fan instead of running the air conditioner.



Report toilet, sink, and shower water leaks to the Housing Office for repair. Report any other malfunctioning equipment ASAP!



Only use extension cords approved by the Housing Office.



Use microwave ovens instead of electric hot plates.



Unplug chargers when they are not in use for charging equipment. Chargers use significant energy in the standby mode.

Did you know....

Saving energy **preserves limited natural resources and reduces our environmental impact** by reducing greenhouse gasses.

\$4,100 of annual energy savings is the equivalent of removing 2.5 average cars from our roadways. (30,022 lbs of CO₂)

Save energy whenever you can! If each dorm resident avoids 200 watts of electric energy use for only four hours each day during the academic year (*and this is easy!*), the College will save about **\$4,100** per year!

A Short Energy Quiz

- T F Saving energy is important because energy supplies are limited.
- T F Saving energy frees up money for other important college needs.
- T F Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to operate a television set for 3 hours.
- T F Turning off a computer monitor saves about as much energy as turning off a modern television set.
- T F Saving 10% of your energy use is easy with only simple changes to your energy use habits.
- T F A one degree change in the thermostat setting can increase or decrease energy usage by 2%.
- T F A portable electric heater uses more energy per hour than most portable appliances.
- T F Turning a fluorescent light on and off uses less energy than just leaving it on.
- T F All fluorescent lamps contain mercury that is hazardous to the environment.
- T F Products with an Energy Star® label always have energy saving features.
- T F Energy and energy efficiency careers are available for students interested in construction, engineering, education, computer technology and many other fields.

Answer Key:
All these statements are true!