

Lehigh Environmental Living Tips

FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Lehigh University is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. The Lehigh University Climate Commitment and Campus Sustainability Plan set up a framework to help make Lehigh a more sustainable campus. Each Lehigh community member is affected by the commitment and plan, and is responsible for making Lehigh more sustainable.

Below are a few move-in tips that YOU can do to make big changes and help Lehigh be more sustainable.

1 Conserve Energy

- Use cold water when doing your laundry.
- Rent a MicroFridge and purchase only ENERGY STAR labeled electronics (TV, DVD player).
- Buy an EPEAT-rated computer.



2 Don't Buy So much Stuff

- Create more open space by eliminating duplication
- Wait to buy shelves, rugs, lamps, and other accessories until you see what fits in the room.



3 Live Healthier and Be Green

- Buy snacks in bulk because they use less packaging.
- Bring your bike or join the Zagster bike share program!
- Join Lehigh's carshare program!



4 Get Involved

- Join the Eco-Reps Program!



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5 Recycle & Reuse

- Learn what can and cannot be recycled at Lehigh.
- Before you pack, consider packing items in reusable plastic bins or empty cardboard boxes from your grocer.
- Buy school supplies made of recycled, post-consumer, FSC-certified, or otherwise green materials.
- Bring a reusable water bottle, reusable coffee mug, and reusable cloth bags from home.



6 Eco-Friendly Products

- Bring eco-friendly soaps and detergents and non-toxic, biodegradable cleaning products.
- Choose sustainable, natural, and organic body products that are chemical-free.
- Buy sheets, rugs, and curtains that use organic fibers produced without toxic chemicals.



7 Stay Up-to-Date

- Learn about our fun and interactive upcoming events on campus! “Like” Sustainability at Lehigh University on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.



Visit Lehigh’s Sustainability website for more environmental living tips. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how to make Lehigh more sustainable, please email sustainability@lehigh.edu.