



SustainVU

Growing Responsibly



Sustainability at Vanderbilt

Commons Cup Sustainability points



Win points for your house in the Commons Cup Sustainability category!

With an emphasis on energy conservation, this category encourages Commons residents to consider their environmental footprint and to take steps to reduce the negative impact we, as a community, have on the earth.

Earn points two ways!

1. Participate in the house energy competition by using less energy than the other houses!
2. Attend events during Commons Unplugged week this spring!



Questions?

Email sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu or call 615.322.9022

Reduce

- Electricity: Turn off lights, computers, printers, and other electronics when not in use.
- Water: Turn off water when not in use, such as when brushing teeth. Submit a Maintenance Request Form to report water leaks and dripping faucets.
- Paper: Print only when necessary and on both sides of the paper.
- Food Waste: If you think you might throw it away, take it to-go or ask for less.

Reuse

- Paper: The blank side of old papers can be used one more time.
- Plastic Bottles: Fill-up a reusable water bottle at fountains and dining halls.
- Vandy FreeSwap: An online resource for the Vanderbilt Community to exchange unwanted items.

Recycle

- See recycling locations and what to recycle on the flip side of this flyer!



Green Purchasing

- Buy printer paper, notebooks, and other supplies with recycled content.
- Buy reusable water bottles to fill up at a nearby rapid water bottle filler.
- Use reusable shopping bags when you run errands.
- Buy EnergyStar rated appliances such as printers, microwaves, and dorm refrigerators.

Vanderbilt Green Fund

The Vanderbilt Green Fund is a fund set aside for sustainability projects proposed by students or faculty. This year, it will distribute \$150,000. The Green Fund was initiated by VSG, Plant Operations, OHARE, and SPEAR in 2011.

The Green Fund is looking for innovative and educational ideas that improve sustainability on campus. Find more information and apply at anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/greenfund

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Recycling at Vanderbilt

Recycling at Vanderbilt is easy! Take your recycling to the residence hall recycling area nearest you. Recycling location maps can be found on Vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU.

What To Recycle

- **Plastic & Aluminum:** All clean plastic containers, beverage and food cans, aluminum foil. NO PLASTIC BAGS or STYROFOAM, please!
- **Glass:** All glass bottles and jars. Glass recycling locations on the Commons campus can be found behind the Commons Center and Crawford House.
- **Paper:** Books, magazines, fliers, newspapers, paper board (cereal/soda boxes), mail, notebook and class papers.
- **Cardboard:** Remove all packaging and flatten.

Never Throw Away...

- **Refrigerators, Microwaves, and Electronics** (Reuse, Donate, or Recycle)
- **Batteries** (Recycle at residence hall main desks)
- **CFL Bulbs** (Recycle at Bryan Building and Peabody Maintenance Building)
- **Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones** (Recycle at Sarratt, Commons Center, & Kissam Center main desks)



Check out our award-winning Recycling Videos on the Vanderbilt SustainVU YouTube channel!



Recycling Questions?

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