Top 10 Ways College Students Can Reduce Waste

Challenge yourself to help reduce global warming. Less waste = reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Help by adopting these tips designed just for YOU!

10. Reuse last semester’s three-ring binder instead of buying a new one.

9. Use refillable ink cartridges for your printer to save money and the environment.

8. The bookstore won’t buy back your textbook? Instead of throwing it out, sell it online, donate it or if it’s paperback, toss it in the recycling bin.

7. At your next party or tailgate make sure to put out a recycling bin, trash bag or laundry basket specifically for recycling. Be creative and make it into a game and award prizes.

6. Live in an apartment complex that doesn’t offer recycling? Make an impact by letting your complex manager know that you want to have a recycling program.

5. Print double-sided, including class notes, research and even the papers you hand in. Make sure to check if it is OK with your professors. If not, convince them!

4. Did you notice how much packaging your last take-out order came in? Dine in when you’re able, to reduce the use and disposal of extra packaging.

3. Use a reusable bottle for drinks and use your backpack when carrying extra items, instead of using plastic and paper bags.

2. Live in Greek housing or off-campus? Have your housemates collect their food scraps, and start a compost pile in your backyard. Use the nutrient-rich soil as fertilizer and plant a garden. This is one of the best ways to beat global warming!

1. Be informed! Educate yourself and recycle!

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