

SUSTAINABLE LAWRENCE

From the water we drink and the food we eat, to how we use energy, transportation and more, Lawrence is committed to reinforcing a culture of sustainability. Our community is a learning laboratory where our residential campus, green initiatives and coursework can integrate to champion sustainability at Lawrence and beyond.

Please consider these green living tips to help Lawrence strengthen its commitment to sustainability.



Looking to get more involved? Consider joining one of these sustainability-minded student organizations on campus.

- **Greenfire**
- **Lawrence University Food Recovery Network**
- **Sustainable Lawrence University Garden (SLUG)**
- **Biodiversity and Sustainability Club**
- **McCarthy Co-op**
- **Bike Club**
- **Bird and Nature Club**
- **Outdoor Recreation Club**

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY GREEN LIVING GUIDE



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TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN: IN YOUR ROOM

- Turn off and unplug appliances when not being used (hair dryers, coffee makers, phone chargers) to save energy.
- Make sure lamps are using LED light bulbs. LED light bulbs use less energy and last up to 10 times longer than compact fluorescents.
- Bring trash and recycling from your room to the proper disposal areas for your building (trash room or outdoor dumpsters) to ensure it is disposed of correctly.
- Personal compost can be collected and brought to SLUG.
- Keep curtains closed on warm days to keep your room cool—keep curtains open on cold days to capture natural sunlight and heat.

Fact: Indoor plants can help reduce odors and improve air quality.

TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN: IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL

- Look for local organizations to donate unwanted clothing and furniture rather than throwing it away.
- Share a fridge with your roommate or use the common fridge in the kitchen to save electricity.
- Use natural cleaning products. 1/2 cup of vinegar in a 1/2 gallon of water makes an easy cleaning solution.
- Air dry clothes to save money and water!
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your hands.
- Challenge yourself to take shorter showers. Use a timer to test yourself!

- Use hand dryers rather than paper towels when drying hands to reduce paper waste

Fact: Pizza boxes with grease residue cannot be recycled. If there is no grease on the lid, rip it off to be recycled and throw the bottom in the trash!

TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN: AROUND CAMPUS

- Use a reusable water bottle; this will also cut back on single-use plastic and save money!
- Use reusable shopping bags. Single-use plastic shopping bags cannot be recycled.
- Make sure recyclables end up in the recycling bin. Recyclables that are put in the trash end up in the landfill.
- Always print on both sides of the sheet of paper.
- Turn off the lights when you are the last person leaving a room (don't forget bathrooms and lounges!).

Fact: With the exception of the athletic fields, Lawrence does not use an irrigation system to water plants or green spaces.



TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN: IN THE DINING HALL

- Bring your own mug to the café for coffee and other beverages. You can even get a discount!
- Purchase food from SLUG during harvest seasons.
- Try out a sustainable diet. Over 25% of the food in Andrew Commons is sourced within 150 miles of Appleton.
- Use metal utensils in the café and avoid straws when you can.

Fact: All pre-consumer kitchen waste is diverted to SLUG to be composted. That's over 900 pounds per week!

TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN: AROUND APPLETON

- Use public transportation to get around downtown or run errands.
- Carpool or use one of the Enterprise rental cars available to students for specific trips. See the Info Desk for more details.
- Use the weekly shopping shuttle vans.
- Buy things at thrift stores; it's cheaper, more sustainable and more fun!

Fact: Appleton is a member of the WI Green Tier Legacy Community, a statewide group dedicated to developing and implementing sustainability measures.