Be part of a Green Team!
This fall semester the Green Practices Committee introduces a way for faculty, students, and staff to become involved in the sustainability of their department. By starting a Green Team you have the ability to impact the environment.

What is a Green Team?
A Green Team is a voluntary group of faculty, students, and staff, usually within one department, that team together to work on becoming more sustainable. To do this each group completes an environmental sustainability assessment to identify areas that need improvement and then takes the necessary steps to implement changes.

Get Involved!
Check to see if your department already has a Green Team and contact its members to find out how you can help. If one hasn’t been started yet, create one! Find others who are interested in improving the environment, team together and follow the guidelines found on the Environment @ CMU website.

What is a Green Leader?
Green Leaders are the departments or schools that have already started a Green Team and are accomplishing at least 5 of the following criteria:
• Participate in recycling on campus.
• Create a Green Team and meet routinely.
• Conduct a department assessment.
• Develop strategies for change.
• Share actions and successes with the campus community on website.
• ‘Green Page’ on departmental website linked to the Green Practices site.

How to start a Green Team
1. Visit the Green Practices Committee website to view the Green Team Toolkit.
2. Gather faculty, students, and staff who all share the same interest of helping the environment.
3. Together, complete the Environmental Sustainability Checklist for Departments, a list of questions that help identify “problem areas.”
4. Create a strategy for specific ways you can be more environmentally friendly in your department.
5. Use the Green Team Toolkit for inspiration and to learn about what other departments are doing.
6. Print out the Green Team Recruitment Flyer (on recycled paper) and spread the word!

What are other departments doing to be sustainable?
• Switch from single use water bottles to reusable 5 gallon water dispensers, or even better, filtered water stations.
• Turn thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer.
• Report energy and water waste to FMS (lights on, drips or leaks).
• Switch to double sided printing.
• Switch all catered events to be zero waste.
• At night, turn your computer or monitor off.
• Turns lights off when unnecessary.
• Turn off electronic devices/appliances when not in use.
• Purchase paper with high percent recycled content.
• Conscious purchase and use of disposable products, such as plastic-ware, cups, napkins, etc.
Recycling Guide

Glass
- Clear
- Green
- Brown
- Blue
Please rinse and remove metal caps before recycling.

Cans
- Steel
- Tin
- Aluminum
Please rinse before recycling.

Plastics
Look for these numbers located on the bottom or sides of the container

- PETE (1)
- HDPE (2)
- LDPE (4)
- PP (5)
Plastic bags can be recycled at Giant Eagle.

Recycling Not Acceptable
- Food Waste
- Pizza Boxes
- Plastic coated coffee cups/plates
- Carbon Paper
- Plastic wrap/Cellophane
- Paper Towels
- Tissues
- Styrofoam
- Candy Wrappers
- Bathroom Waste Paper

Composting Acceptable
- Food Waste
- Pizza Boxes
- Coffee Grounds/Filters
- Nature Works PLA #7
- Tea Bags
- Lunch Bags
- Paper Napkins/Towels
- Waxed Cardboard

Paper
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Fax & Copy Paper
- White, Colored, Glossy Paper
- White & Colored Envelopes
- Post-it Notes
- Soft Bound Books
- Booklets / Manuals
- Cash Machine Receipts

Batteries - UC info desk, Mellon 3rd floor, or sent by campus mail to FMS recycling

CDs - UC recycling center or sent by campus mail to FMS recycling

Computers & Monitors - visit www.cmu.edu/ehs to learn more

Cell Phones, Printer Cartridges, etc. - go to www.cmu.edu/environment to learn more

Cardboard
Place next to recycling bin.