

the GREEN SCENE



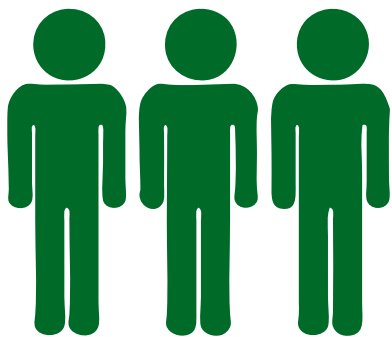
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Be part of a Green Team!

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 Green Practices website.

<http://www.cmu.edu/greenpractices/greening-the-campus/greenteams/create-a-green-team.html>

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.
- At night, turn your computer or monitor off.
- Turn 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.

HELP REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Temperature Guide
Heating: 68°-72°F
Cooling: 74°-78°F

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412-268-2910 www.cmu.edu/fms

- 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.



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



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



Cardboard

Place next to recycling bin.



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/greenpractices to learn more