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OS Bear Prints

Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet

Happy Holidays from the Sustainability Office!

Sustainability Tip of the Week!



Use newspaper comics as wrapping paper! It is a fun, eco-friendly way to make your holidays more sustainable.

Collegeville Sustainability

The Collegeville sustainability plan was unanimously passed by Collegeville Borough Council on Wednesday,

Zipcar: The Perfect Present



Having trouble deciding the perfect present to ask for this year? Ask for a ZipCar membership! Zipcar is an affordable transportation option that lets you have all the luxuries of having your own car on campus, without the hassle. An Ursinus College membership is \$25, with rates for Zipcar vehicles on campus starting at \$7.50 per hour and \$69 per day. After the first year, members will pay an annual membership fee of \$35.

Gas, insurance, and up to 180 miles of driving per day are included in Zipcar rates, and cars can be reserved for as little as an hour or for multiple days. [Join now!](#)

December 3. The plan details ways that Collegeville borough can become more sustainable, much as our Climate and Sustainability Action Plan details ways that we can do the same here on campus. It also has a number of items on which the College could partner. We look forward to doing so in the future, as we have done in the past. Congratulations to the Borough!

OS Quick News:

Remember to take your air conditioners home during break!

[Sign up to be on a Sustainability subcommittee. Give your input about sustainability at Ursinus.](#)

[Think about your bear prints. Rideshare for Winter break!](#)

Sustainable Winter Closing Reminders!

Remember to do the following steps before leaving for break!

- *Fully close and lock all windows
- *Unplug all electronics, including surge protectors
- *Unplug your fridge and place towels under it for drainage
- *Turn off all lights

Sustainable Holiday Tips!

Decorations

- *Use reusable decorations that are made from recycled materials
- *Stuff stockings with nuts, fruit, and edibles that are useful instead of plastic toys
- *Use holiday lights in moderation, put them on a timer to ensure they do not shine all night. Also use LED lights for lower energy consumption
- *Buy a tree with a bulb and plant it after the holidays

Gifts

- *Send e-greetings instead of cards through the mail
- *Donate or recycle an item you already own for every gift you receive
- *Give fair-trade and organic certified gifts
- *Skip material gifts and give an experience gift like concert tickets or a trip to a state park
- *Use newspaper to wrap gifts, and recycle the gift wrap that you receive

Featured Fellow



Bahir Eley, Class of 2016, serves as the Real Food Challenge Coordinator. Real Food is food that truly

nourishes producers, consumers, communities and the earth. It is a food system--from seed to plate--that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, animal welfare, social justice and environmental sustainability.

He analyzes the percentage of Real Food Ursinus purchases in hopes of increasing the amount of Real Food options. He is passionate about this work because he enjoys educating his peers on food choices so that they too can make healthy decisions. He also enjoys a close-knit community of fellows and it brings him joy to be surrounded by students with similar passions and interests. Outside of being a sustainability fellow, Bahir is a Business and Economics Major with a Minor in Philosophy. He also is a Scholar in Service member, Treasurer of STAR (Students Together Against Rape), and a member of ENACTUS. Thanks for all that you do, Bahir!

The Office of Sustainability wishes you a happy and safe Winter break.



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