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Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet

November 23, 2014 - Happy Thanksgiving Week!!

Sustainability Tip of the Week!



Save Trees!
Paper towels come from trees! Use less by ripping the paper towel before the machine finishes dispensing it.

[Here is a video on how to only use one paper towel.](#)

Energy Reduction

Congratulations to the main street houses with the largest reduction in energy consumption

- Elliot: -35.02%
- 476 Main St: -31.91%
- Isenberg: -27.20%

Arbor Day Celebration



On Tuesday November 18, Ursinus students, faculty and staff braved the bracing weather to celebrate (belatedly) Arbor Day here on campus. Campus Sustainability Planner Shannon Spencer led off the celebration in front of Pfahler Hall with an homage to trees on campus. Environmental studies professor Patrick Hurley then explained proper planting techniques, after which many of the dozens of student attendees helped plant a pink dogwood tree. Spencer finished the ceremony by reading two poems about trees by A.E. Housman. Our campus tree care committee will be applying for Tree Campus USA status for 2014. This celebration was one part of our application requirement.

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OS Quick News:

Before you Leave for Thanksgiving:

A/C: Remember to take your air conditioners home during break

Electric: Turn off all your lights and electronics

Holiday

Transportation

Need help getting around on public transportation for the coming Thanksgiving break? [Click here for more info.](#)

United States & China Carbon Agreement

The historic announcement by Pres. Obama and Pres. Xi Jinping of China that

they will commit to targets for cuts in their nations' carbon emissions has fundamentally shifted the global politics of climate change. The agreement has given a fresh jolt of optimism to negotiations aimed at reaching a new international climate treaty next year in Paris, where the American and Chinese targets are expected to be the heart of the deal.

-NY Times

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



Sustainability Subcommittees:

Join one of our Sustainability subcommittees.

Get involved with sustainability at Ursinus: We have four open membership subcommittees:

- Sustainable Student Experience
- Energy Conservation
- Sustainable Facilities
- Campus Tree Care Committee

If you're interested in joining us to help make Ursinus a more sustainable campus, [please take this brief survey to sign up.](#)

Featured Fellow



Kisha Patel serves as the Media and Communications Fellow. She is a Politics and Women Studies double Major with a Minor in Peace and Social Justice. Her favorite part of being a Sustainability Fellow is working with all of the other fellows and seeing how passionate they all are about sustainability. She believes that young people have a duty to live sustainably to help preserve the environment for our future. Through her work as the Communications Fellow, she gets to spread awareness about sustainable initiatives on campus to her fellow students and get them interested in sustainability. She also puts together this biweekly newsletter and helps advertise various programs and events that other fellows are working on. In addition to being a Sustainability Fellow, Kisha is a tour guide, secretary of Mock Trial, part of the Escape Velocity Dance Troupe, and an Admission Intern. Fun Fact: Kisha lived in more than 15 cities growing up!

Green Your Thanksgiving this year!!!

You can make many aspects of your Thanksgiving meal more sustainable by following a few easy suggestions:

Food: Go local, organic, and/or vegetarian

Decorations: Use natural items instead of plastics

Waste: Compost and recycle all that you can from your meal and prep

Travel: take public transportation or if driving, make sure your tires are fully inflated and don't carry extra weight in your car to get better gas mileage.

Learn more by downloading our Sustainable Thanksgiving materials from our [website](#).