

# TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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## Student Housing Administrative Offices

- All paper and cardboard products are recycled
- Old computer hardware is recycled
- Staff members turn off monitors and lights when leaving the office
- All office and Academic Resource Center computers use hibernation mode after a period of inactivity
- Staff encouraged to broaden margins on Word documents
- Staff encouraged to print only essential documents
- Databases reconfigured to give more efficient printouts
- Printer cartridges are recycled, refilled, and resold— estimated savings of approximately 40 percent over purchasing new cartridges
- Packing products such as bubble wrap, foam sheets, foam peanuts, and cardboard are reused
- Most calendars purchased are made from post-consumer products
- Office supplies (including notebooks, file folders, paper clips and desk accessories) are recycled within staff to maximize usage
- Recycle bins are located in all buildings



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## **Sustainability Initiatives in Residence Halls, Scholarship Halls and Apartments**

- Competitions focused on energy savings among various halls
- Guest speakers on energy saving and sustainable practices
- Sustainability dinner hosted with focus on locally grown products and menu comprised of only locally grown foods
- Bike repair shop in one hall for residents to use and fix their own bike, minimizing need for other forms of transportation
- Competitions among halls and residents to encourage water conservation in showers
- Programs for apartment residents to teach how to winterize their apartment
- Clothes lines installed and tips distributed on maximizing water conservation with laundry
- Community garden space and programs on how to garden
- Collection centers available in apartments for gently used clothes, household items, etc.
- Program to distribute free Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) to residents
- Opportunities for students to tour KU Recycling Center
- Professional development for staff to learn about sustainability
- 'Turn off the light' stickers are on light switches in public areas
- Bulletin boards focusing on energy conservation



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## Maintenance and Custodial Services

- Majority of the cleaning products meet Green Seal Approval
- Upgrading lighting to Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) and T-5s
- All appliances are rated Energy Efficient
- Toilet paper and paper towels are made with recycled paper
- Replacing carpet with carpet tiles so damaged sections can be replaced without discarding entire carpet
- Furniture that is purchased is made of solid wood for refinishing damaged areas to look like new
- Micro covers are used on mattresses to increase lifespan
- Fabrics are made from recycled polyester
- Bulletin boards are hand made from all natural materials
- Water-saving flush valves and shower heads are being installed
- Use old branches and tree trimmings to create mulch to conserve water
- Installing double-paned windows
- Geothermal heating/cooling is incorporated in some buildings
- Apartment and office furniture is recycled and reused
- Scrap metal is recycled
- Concrete is recycled
- Paint is low fume and washable

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