



# green housing program

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Our primary role as sustainability leaders at Arizona State University is to positively affect the world through our academic, research, and active engagement activities. Encourage eco-conscious behavior in your students by following sustainable practices in ASU's residential halls. These practices underpin the university's four major sustainability goals: carbon neutrality, zero waste, active engagement, and principled practice.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, here by commit to completing 20 of the following habits or practices while living on campus in order to be a certified Green Housing leader at Arizona State University.

**Climate Neutrality:** Achieve carbon neutrality in building energy emissions by 2025 and in transportation emissions by 2025.

Make a conscious effort to turn off lights when leaving rooms, while sleeping, and/or if enough daylight meets your needs.

Raise the blinds in the room to let sunlight in when it is cold outside

Reduce energy use by keeping the room temperature between 75 and 80 degrees

Make an effort to tightly turn off faucets and showers; and report any leaks to [facman@asu.edu](mailto:facman@asu.edu)

Use CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs) in desk lamps

Take the stairs instead of the elevator (if possible)

Switch off power strips and unplug unnecessary appliances/chargers/electronic devices at night.

Invest in Energy Star rated appliances (printers, microwaves, etc) and Smart Power Strips

## Zero Waste

*Goal: Divert 90 percent of the solid waste generated on campus from the landfill by 2015.*

Have a designated commingled recycling bin for each roommate, requests at [recycle-q@asu.edu](mailto:recycle-q@asu.edu)

Print double sided

Purchase printing paper that contains at least 30% post-consumer recycled content or that contains 50% or greater post-consumer recycled content.

Keep a scrap paper pile near the printer and/or copier for note paper.

Use reusable bags when shopping or buying lunch, supplies, etc...

Use reusable mugs, dishware, and silverware in shared room or kitchen

Conduct a waste audit of personal trash and recycling to see what items are thrown away. Then take steps to reduce waste.

## Principled Practice

*Goal: Integrate sustainability practice principles in 60 percent of campus operations and functions.*

Carpool with friends who travel off campus; 'Ditch the drive, hitch a ride'

Complete a carbon footprint calculator

Signed up for the Zipcar share program: <http://cfo.asu.edu/pts-commuter-zipcar>

Use the campus shuttle as a primary means of transportation between campuses

Bike, walk, or use public transportation to travel to and from campus

Choose Ecover, Method, Seventh Generation, Green Works "green" products for cleaning

Buy in bulk to reduce fuel consumption, shipping and packaging materials

**Check off the items you are currently practicing/committed to practicing**





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- Minimize water use (ex: shower for 10 minutes or less, do not leave the sink running, etc...)
- Purchase drinking water in bulk for shared use, ex: Britta Filters
- Use soy based inks instead of petroleum based inks or refill ink cartridges
- Look for furniture made from post-consumer recycled or repurposed materials.
- Attempt to not use the drying machine by purchasing a drying rack for clothes

## Active Engagement

*Goal: Achieve 60% engagement by members of the campus community by 2015.*

- Inspired another room to pursue a Green Housing Certification. This means they have actually submitted their checklist
- Know the location of your building's recycling container and use them appropriately
- Donate unwanted items (clothes, food, appliances) to Ditch the Dumpster program or Swift Charities instead of throwing them away.
- Have attended at least one Farmers Market (occurs every other Tuesdays)
- Inform your Professors about the Green Classroom Program and encourage/assist them in completing the certification

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*Name of Room Representative \**

*Date Submitted\**

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*Email of Room Representative \**

*Residence Hall and Room Number\**

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*Names of Other Occupants*

*Email the completed Green Housing Program Certificate application to [sustainabilitypractices@asu.edu](mailto:sustainabilitypractices@asu.edu). University Sustainability Practices will issue a Green Housing Certificate upon receiving and approving the completed checklist.*

*Thank you for completing the Green Housing application!*

***Check off the items you are currently practicing/committed to practicing***

