December Newsletter

CWRU's Office For Sustainability E-Newsletter

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About Us

The Office of Energy & Sustainability is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, as well as advocating for individual and institutional behavior change.

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Energy Contest Concludes
Storrs wins solar-powered charging picnic table

Our annual Energy Contest ended on November 18 with a total savings of 3,905 kWh. We are excited to announce the top three highest electricity reducers:

1. Storrs with a 7.9% reduction
2. Sherman with a 6.1% reduction
3. Phi Delta Theta with a 3.9% reduction

Unfortunately, four out of the 32 residence halls and Greek houses participating significantly increased their energy usage during the contest. Find these details and more ideas on how to continue to reduce res hall energy usage on our website.

Thank you to the Student Sustainability Ambassadors for hosting the 4th annual Fall Res Hall Energy Contest!

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**Upcoming Events**

**Sustainable Cleveland Holiday Meet Up**
Thursday, December 13
5:30 - 7:30pm
Museum of Contemporary Art

**Pull Up a Chair, St. Clair - crafting at Upcycle Parts Shop**
Thursdays in December through Dec 20
3:00 - 6:00pm
Upcycle Parts Shop

**CWRU Farm Produce Stand**
Saturday, December 22
9:00am - 1:00pm
University Farm

**Office of Energy & Sustainability Closed**
Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, January 1

**Green Bag Lunch: How Everyday Chemicals Affect Our Health & Behavior**
Thursday, January 17
Noon - 1:00pm
Tink Senior Classroom

**Community Engagement Conference: Partnering for a Resilient and Sustainable Future**
Wednesday & Thursday, January 23 – 24
OSU, Columbus

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**Think About the Environment Before You Leave Campus for Break**

Students, when you turn the lights out in your res hall room for the last time in 2018, be sure you're saving more electricity than just in illumination. Be sure to unplug any electrical "vampire load" devices such as clocks, coffee pots, microwaves, chargers, gaming systems and more. These types of devices can suck small amounts of energy even when turned off that add up to large amounts in aggregate. Be sure to turn down your heat a few degrees, close windows that may have been cracked open, and close window shades or curtains. Have a great break!
Donate unwanted clothing to human trafficking victims
While there is not a REScycle collection this semester, we encourage all students leaving campus at the end of this semester, or those looking to pare down their closets, to donate their unwanted but gently used clothing to human trafficking victims instead of tossing them in the landfill. The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education is partnering with RAHAB Ministries in Akron to provide donated clothes for 12- to 20-year-old girls and young women who have experienced human trafficking. Donation boxes are located in Wade and Fribley Commons area offices, and other spaces around campus. Find a full list in the Daily article here.

University Relations & Development Office Breaks Up With Their Keurig
In Adelbert Hall, the University Relations & Development office loves their coffee but were
frustrated by the amount of single-use plastic waste that their Keurig created. During the Vendor Fair, they met American Coffee Services and learned that Bunn makes a brewer that uses biodegradable coffee pods. They have since swapped out the Keurig for a Bunn coffee maker, using these compostable pods and now only have a love-love relationship with their coffee maker. Your office can make this switch too by working with our campus coffee vendor!
Thanks to Laura Klingler and Megan Brown for being sustainable coffee advocates!

Do you have a waste solution story to share? We’d love to highlight your office too.

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**Green Bag Lunch**
**Thursday, January 17**
**Noon - 1:00pm**
**Tinkham Veale Senior Classroom**

Join the Office of Energy & Sustainability and Dr. Kurt Rhoads, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at CWRU, to learn about how chemicals in our lives affect our behavior and health. Dr. Rhoads poses the question "Do I like blue because of my shampoo?" Please feel free to enjoy your lunch during the presentation. Desserts and coffee will be provided.

Please [RSVP](https://us4.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=1456537) on Eventbrite.
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Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Office Have Merged
The Office for Sustainability, Campus Planning & Construction, and Facility Services all work closely on green-related campus operations. In 2018 CWRU Energy Manager Erika Weliczko and the sustainability office merged forces. Erika has been with the university since 2014 and has officially been on the Sustainability team since early 2018. Our official name has been changed to the Office of Energy & Sustainability.