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Sustainable Move-In Tips

Want to live a sustainable life on campus? Follow these tips on how to get a head start on 'Greening Your Room':

Where to go for stuff...

Borrow

Ask...

Parents, Aunts and Uncles, Grandparents, and Family Friends

if they have things like extra furniture, lamps, dishes that you can have borrow or even keep to bring to college! Not only will you be reusing, you will also be saving money!

Shop Secondhand

Buying gently used items such as furniture and decor gives these pieces a second life! Some great places that sell secondhand are...

- Goodwill
- Habitat ReStore
- Flea Markets
- Yard Sales

Shop Local

Support our local economy by buying local! Locally owned businesses typically buy local and contribute less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss, and pollution versus large corporations. Try...

- Lafayette Farmers Markets
- Hub City Cycles
- Acadiana Bicycle Company
- Red Arrow Workshop
- Sans Souci Fine Crafts Gallery
- UL Ragin' Cajuns Store
- Freecycle.org - Lafayette Group

Green Ribbon School

U.S. Department of Education recognizes UL's commitment to sustainability

Our University was among 11 postsecondary institutions recognized recently in Washington, D.C. as a 2016 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. UL was the first and only school in the state recognized.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, this program, established in 2011, aims to inspire schools, districts and institutions of Higher Education to strive for 21st century excellence by highlighting sustainable practices such as:

- Reducing environmental impact and costs
- Improving the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff
- Providing environmental education, which teaches many disciplines, and is especially good at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways

Some of our sustainable practices highlighted include the design and construction of our LEED Silver Student Union, multiple sustainability-oriented research projects and opportunities for students, Zero Waste initiative on campus and at UL football games, Bike Friendly University Designation and bike improvements on campus.

Our Director of Sustainability, Gretchen Vanicor, accepted the award on behalf of the University at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. For the full news story, visit <http://louisiana.edu/news-events/news/20160801/us-department-education-recognizes-university-s-commitment-sustainability>.



Solar Lab

\$5 million Solar to be constructed on campus



UL and Louisiana Generating LLC, a subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc. have recently signed and agreement to construct and operate a PART Lab (Photovoltaic Applied Research and Testing Laboratory) on campus at the northeastern portion of the University Research Park.

NRG Energy provides clean, renewable electricity for utilities who serve thousands of customers. Their projects collectively deliver over 1,200 MW of solar power today.

The PART Lab, located near Eraste Landry, will train students in the field of alternative energy, reduce the University's energy consumption by an estimated 10%, and offset air emissions.

This PART Lab will be the largest renewable energy project ever installed in Lafayette, and one of the largest solar projects ever in the state, according to Dr. Terry Chambers, an associate professor of mechanical engineering and Director of the University's Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy.

For the full story, visit <http://louisiana.edu/news-events/news/20160620/university-nrg-energy-join-forces-5-million-solar-lab-campus>.

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Sustainable Move-In Tips

Tip of the Month

Did you know that as a student, you have access to PaperCut, a print management system that is designed to reduce costs associated with excessive printing. You can access your PaperCut account at papercutng.louisiana.edu.

Did you also know that within your PaperCut account is an environmental dashboard that allows you to see your environmental impact due to printing? Log in to see what affect your printing has on trees, CO2 emissions, and other interesting statistics!

Ink Cartridge Pickup on Campus

In order to make this process easier for you and more efficient overall, we created a webform on our webpage for you to fill out if you would like us to come pick up your ink cartridges!

This webform can be found at sustainability.louisiana.edu in the 'Find it Fast' menu on the front page.



What to buy...

Buy Green & Healthy

Don't forget the...

- Energy Star appliances
- Smart Power Strip
- Clothes Drying Rack
- Non-toxic Eco-friendly laundry and cleaning supplies
- Organic cotton linens
- House plants
- LED light bulbs

Buy Reusable

Ditch the disposable and go with **reusable dishes, utensils, water bottles, mugs, and Tupperware!**

Also, try buying **refillable pens and printer ink cartridges** to keep from producing extra waste!

DON'T Buy...

- Single use items
- Space heaters
- Window units
- ...more than you need! Check with your roommate to see what you can share, like a mini-fridge or microwave.

Hopefully these tips will get you started on the right foot when planning the big move! Be on the lookout for a full Student Resident Green Guide that will be published soon!



Fresh Treats on Campus!

Citrus, Peach, Pear, and Fig Trees

Did you know that UL's campus is home to beautiful citrus, peach, pear, and fig trees? Planting fruit trees began back in 2012, and we now have over 18 different trees on campus, with plans to plant more in the future! Keep an eye out for fresh fruit during the appropriate seasons as you walk main campus, and if you are near Blackham Coliseum. In addition to providing food, these fruit trees, like all of the trees on our campus, provide us with clean air and shade, and they help slow water runoff!



Mattress Recycling

UL University Housing diverts 200 mattresses from landfill

In May, UL's University Housing not only contributed to Goodwill, Not Landfill as part of Move Out 2016, they also organized mattress recycling in June! They researched and found LRP Recycling, a nationwide furniture and mattress recycling company, that properly recycles the wood, steel, fabric, cotton, and foam from mattresses!

This zero waste effort kept 200 mattresses, the equivalent of 90 cubic yards, from unnecessarily going to the landfill AND saved money! Thank you to everyone that participated, and thank you UL University Housing for organizing this project!



geaux Vélo

Make sure to return your bike to the **same station** you borrowed it from! Also, Geaux Vélo bikes are for everyone, so remember to take your trash out of the basket so the bike is left in proper condition for the next person!

Carefully review all of the safety information in the Geaux Vélo orientation and online at park.louisiana.edu/bike-information and **ALWAYS wear a helmet. Wear reflective clothing and ride in groups after sunset. Make sure tail lights and headlights are properly working.**



Stay Connected

Be sure to use our website [sustainability.louisiana.edu] as one of your sustainability resources! There, you'll find UL news, planning and progress updates, green guides, links to environmental footprint calculators, transportation information, and ways to get involved around campus and in the community!

Also, keep up to date by following us on **Facebook** (University of Louisiana at Lafayette Office of Sustainability), **Pinterest** (UL Office of Sustainability), and **Instagram** (ul_sustainability)!

Feel free to contact us with questions or comments!

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Local Farmers Markets

Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at The Horse Farm

Every Saturday 8:00 am-noon

Lafayette Hub City Farmers Market

Oil Center (427 Heyman St. across from Champagne's
Every Saturday 8:00 am-noon

Arts Weekend

Local artists join the Hub City Farmers Market
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month

Reminder

Remember to get involved with sustainability-related efforts on campus! Check out the Biology Club, Horticulture Club, Geaux Bike UL, or Students for Sustainability to see what they're doing to make our campus a better place! Ask club members about upcoming volunteer opportunities as a way to help out around our campus and within our community!

Got an Idea?

Great ideas come from everywhere, and we would love to hear yours!

Please share it with us!

Just email us at sustainability@louisiana.edu



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