



Climate Action Team Tip of the Week: Do What You Can!

The Tip of the Week is back! To start things off this year, here is a reminder about why we do Climate Action at WWC:

- WWC committed to reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2020. That's an ambitious goal. Its also the target climate science says we need to hit globally to stabilize the earth's warming.
- To achieve this goal and honor our commitment, we all need to do what we can!

The Climate Action Team produces the Tip of the Week as a tool to provide information about climate-related issues, personal actions that make a difference and feedback on our progress towards our goals. So, without further adieu, here are some ways you can reduce energy use in campus buildings.

Some may be obvious to you, but they are worth repeating given that 64% of our campus greenhouse gas emissions come from our electricity and natural gas use in campus buildings...

1. **Lights:** Use energy efficient CFL or LED bulbs in all desk lamps and turn lights OFF when you leave a room. This is especially important when we leave offices, common areas and dorm rooms at night. Scores of lights are left on unnecessarily on campus every night causing more mountain tops removed, pollution generated, and College money wasted.
2. **Phantom Loads:** All electronic equipment uses power when turned off! The only way to stop this is to unplug all electronics (including chargers) or plug all electronics and chargers into a power strip and turn the power strip OFF when gadgets are not in use.
3. **Computers:** Computer monitors use 2-3 times more electricity then processors, so turn those screen savers off! They waste energy. Go to www.warren-wilson.edu/~helpdesk/energy.html to get more energy saving computer tips.
4. **Natural Gas Use:** As the heat comes on it is very important to keep doors and windows closed. If it is too hot, or if doors or windows are drafty contact your building manager.
5. **Personal Consumption:** Reduce what we bring into the buildings by buying less and buying only minimally packaged durable products that can be reused or recycled. The Purchasing Department can help you access 'green' product alternatives, and you can find out what the Recycling Center recycles at www.warren-wilson.edu/~recycle/howto.php.

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