ENERGY AND WATER

How to be an EcoFriendly Longhorn

We use energy and water every day in almost everything we do. Even as a college student, there are many ways that you can conserve energy and water to make a positive impact on the environment. A great way to do this is to "power down" your living space, whether it is in a residence hall or in an apartment. Conserving energy helps reduce your carbon footprint and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the environment. In Austin, our water comes from the Colorado River. With the hot Austin climate and tendency for periods of drought, it's especially important to conserve water.
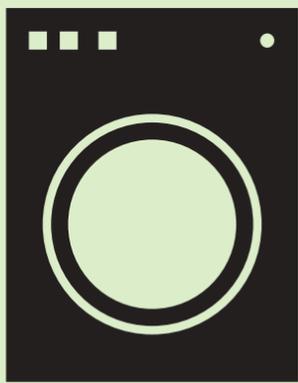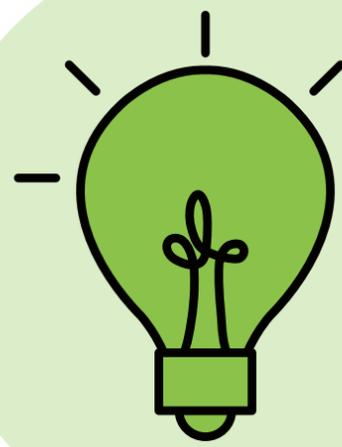
TURN OFF AND UNPLUG

Turn off all lights and appliances before you head out. Appliances still consume electricity even when they are not on, so unplug when not in use. This is a very easy and effective way to conserve energy especially over the long run. Electronics plugged into a power strip can make this even easier!

MAKE A SWITCH TO LED BULBS

When you need to buy new light bulbs, opt for LED bulbs. While they are more expensive at first to purchase, they will last much longer and are much more energy efficient than incandescent lightbulbs.

THINK ABOUT LAUNDRY HABITS

Set your washing machine to a cold water setting and hang clothes to dry instead of using your dryer. Only wash full loads of laundry to reduce the amount of loads needed to wash.

FIX OR REPORT

Leaks and breaks often use more energy than necessary. A leaky faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year. If you see a leak or other maintenance issue, take action right away. For issues in the residence halls or other campus buildings, call the UT Facilities Service Center at 512-471-2020. If you live off-campus, contact your landlord or property manager

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Texas Athletics
University Housing and Dining
Utilities and Energy Management
Office of Sustainability