



Hey, Orson, what do you have there?
I just love Planet Earth and wish everybody else loved it as much as I do.
 I can't argue with you, but aren't you holding onto it a little too tightly?
I'm demonstrating how we are all squeezing out too many resources from our life support system. This February, show our Earth some love!
 Here are some ways:

Love your new recycling bin!

All residence hall rooms should have received a new blue recycling bin. Learn what can be properly recycled; most empty and clean things can!



Before you shop for new items...

- Check the **RUMPUS Room** in Macmillan for binders, folders, and other office and school supply items. All items are free for the taking.
- Check the **Bargain Basement** in ground floor Main; we reloaded it with donations from the December move-out collection. There are costumes, craft supplies, clothing, housewares, room furnishings and miscellaneous items. Remember: you can donate to the *Bargain Basement* anytime. Bring clean, gently-used items and put them on the appropriate shelves or leave them in the sorting area.
- Have a job interview? Check out clothing and shoes in the **Career Clothing** area.

Fill 'er up! The first water bottle fill unit was installed on the second floor of Cleveland Hall. Three more fill units will be installed soon: Sommer Center and Macmillan north 1st and 3rd floors.



Installments

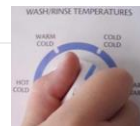
are produced as a community service by the **Wells Center for Sustainability and the Environment.**

Arrive Curious ∴ Graduate Prepared.

As a result of a fall thesis project and some field testing over break, we asked *MacGray*, our laundry equipment contractor, to change the cycle setting on their dryers from 60 minutes to 45 minutes. This simple change should save us 25% on energy.

Energy saving laundry tips

- Wash your clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible. Unless you have oily stains, warm or cold water settings on your washer will generally do a good job of cleaning your clothes.
- Wash and dry full loads. Don't *overfill* machines; your laundry won't get as clean and it will take much longer to dry your load.
- Dry towels and heavier cottons separately from light-weight clothes.
- Don't over-dry your clothing.
- Clean the dryer lint screen after each load to improve air circulation.
- Consider air-drying clothes on a drying rack; it is recommended for delicate fabrics.
- For front-loading washers or high-efficiency top-loaders, use detergent labeled for high-efficiency (HE) machines. HE detergents are low-sudsing and quick-dispersing to clean well in high-efficiency washers using less water. *Source: Department of Energy*



Overdrying items may shrink them.



Loads of lighter clothing and bedding may need even less time to dry. Use *LaundryView* to check on the status of your loads or to find out when machines are or will be free.

laundryview.com/wells

"Installment" is a double play on words: these informational mini-newsletters are put inside bathroom cubicles (*"in stalls"*) and the content gets changed out - in *"installments."*

Get it? Got it? Good!



Get spotted!

New **GOTCHA** cards are out for Block1. We are on the lookout for folks who use their

reusable beverage container instead of taking disposable cups. Do the right thing and we may *getcha* with a card redeemable for a free beverage refill at the *Grind Café*.

Be a RecycleManiac!



Wells is again participating in this friendly contest among more than 275 colleges to see who can recycle the most. *RecycleMania* starts February 7th and runs through April 2nd. Pitch in – into the right bin, of course! – and help Wells score well in this annual competition.

Show Wells some love – conserve!

Help Wells save money on electricity. Turn off lights if you are the last one out of any room. If you are done using a PC in a classroom or



in a computer lab, or if you will be out of your room or office for an extended period, please

put your computer to sleep, and switch off the monitor. These easy steps will save energy and still allow IT to send out needed system updates to networked computers.

Questions about more sustainable practices?
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