



Orson the Owl is taking a well-deserved summer vacation. He will fly back in September to offer more useful tips on how **"yoouooooouuu"** can become more sustainable.

*Make it a priority to spend time outdoors, appreciating the wonders of Mother Nature.*

## Trash<sup>2</sup> TREASURE

Thanks to everyone who participated in our spring move-out collection program. From your donations – which weighed in at just over 2,100 pounds! - we successfully diverted a whole lot of still-usable clothing, footwear, bedding, room furnishings, non-perishable food, toiletries, and housewares to local reuse programs, including the new campus Food Pantry. See, our trash really *can* become someone else's treasure!

We retained lots of clothing, housewares, room furnishings, craft supplies, and costumes in the **Bargain Basement** in Main. →



← In Macmillan 111A, we re-loaded the **RUMPUS Room** shelves with office and school supplies.

Both of these free campus reuse areas are open 24/7 for browsing. Help yourself!



## Summer To Dos



If you weren't clear before, check to be sure you understand what all is **recyclable** here on campus (most things are!) and what items must go in the trash.



As you shop for school and residence hall room supplies, think about the following:



Choose recycled-content school supplies, like notepads, filler paper, even pens and pencils. The Bookstore offers several recycled-content items. Check the **RUMPUS Room** for reusable items.



Look for the **Energy Star** label when you purchase allowable res hall room equipment like TVs, stereos, clocks, lamps and small refrigerators. Choose **LED** lightbulbs for your desk and floor lamps.

Buy a **"smart"** electrical power/surge strip that automatically turns off peripherals ganged to your computer (e.g. monitor, speakers) to save energy.

Check out reuse stores for needed items – you can often pick up everything you need for a small fraction of the cost of buying new! There are several options in Auburn; find more than 40 reuse stores around Ithaca by visiting: <http://reusetompkins.com/>. Be sure to check our own **Bargain Basement**.



Check with your roommate. Can you share items, especially infrequently-used appliances? Can you share items with others on your floor or in your building?

**"Installment"** is a double play on words: these mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles (*"in stalls"*) and the content changes periodically - in *"installments."*

Get it? Got it? *Good!*

## Give our energy bill a break...



During the summer, it is more important than ever to make sure room lights are turned off when you leave. Odds are good that you *are* the last one out.

If you will be out of your office – or away from home – for an extended period of time this summer, please **turn off and unplug** any electricity-using equipment. Energy vampires don't take any vacations.



## Clear the decks...



Bring any plastic shopping bags, burned-out lightbulbs, and dead batteries to the collection boxes in the **Sustainability Center**. We will make sure these items get properly recycled. Thanks!

## Stay "In the Loop"

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