



Orson the Owl says: **"Whooo can become more sustainable? YOU can!"**

What does it mean to become more sustainable? It means being very mindful about the choices we make, taking into account the human, economic and environmental impacts of our decisions. Certainly we can all be less wasteful in our consumption of natural resources like water and energy, and can support campus recycling efforts.

Keep an eye peeled for Orson the Owl. He will fly in from time to time to remind you about ways that **YOU** can be more sustainable.

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

Get it? Got it? Good!

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



Pick **recycled content school supplies**, like notepads, filler paper, even pens and pencils.

Look for the **Energy Star** label when you are purchasing allowable res hall room equipment – especially small refrigerators and computers.

Buy a **"smart" electrical power/surge strip** that can automatically turn off peripherals ganged to your computer (like monitor and speakers) to save additional 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!

Check with your roommate first. Can you share items, especially appliances? Can you share items with others on your floor?

New Programs this Fall!

In the new **sustainability minor**, you'll explore the concept from a variety of academic and interdisciplinary perspectives, working to understand inherent complexities while gaining the knowledge needed to make more informed life and career decisions. To learn more about the sustainability program, contact Dr. Milene Morfei, at mzmorfei@wells.edu, or at x3255.

What we eat - and where we get our food - significantly impacts our world. The new **sustainable food systems minor** investigates the challenges of the current global food system by exploring the cultural meanings of food and the social and physical conditions under which we grow and consume foods. To learn more, contact Dr. Laura McClusky, at lmccclusky@wells.edu, or at x3252.

Let's Commingle!

We practice *"single stream recycling."* Place all these items in the same bin:



mixed paper (white/colored paper, magazines, catalogs, newspapers, envelopes, paperboard)
glass containers **metal cans and foil**
plastic containers #1 through #7
milk and juice **cartons** **small rigid plastics**

Help reduce any *uck!* factor.
Please rinse out food and drink containers first.



You don't need a car!

Wells students may utilize the **campus transportation service** free of charge. Individuals wishing to ride a specific daily run to Ithaca (including Cornell, the Commons or the major shopping areas) or other scheduled runs must sign up on the appropriate sheet(s) at Campus Safety, or in the case of scheduled break transportation, through the Transportation Globe Page.

Check out **Zimride** – a free ride-matching site: www.zimride.com.

Create a profile and request a ride or – if you *do* have a car – sell the empty seats in your vehicle when you are going shopping or are headed home for the weekend or break. There is already a large network of *Zimride* users in Ithaca. *Zimride* also connects to *Facebook* so you can check out the ratings and connections of your potential driver or rider in advance.



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