



Interesting look, Orson... what's with the heart-shaped goggles?
Some people already think I wear rose-colored glasses when it comes to how Wells can help our Earth. I thought I would try on a pair and see if it makes any difference to the way I see our world and Wells' possibilities for making a real impact.
 Well, what do you think...? Does that change anything for you?
Nope... although looking at everything through a pinky glow makes our cold wintry weather seem a little warmer at least.

Some helpful reminders for this new semester

Make sure you **recycle the right things right**, including items generated in kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms:



- **Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Jugs and Lids**
- **Mixed paper** (white and colored paper, magazines, catalogs, newspapers, envelopes, paperboard, junk mail)
- **Cardboard** (flatten, stack separately)
- **Glass containers** • **Metal Cans**



All containers for recycling should be **empty** and any remaining liquid or food waste **rinsed out**.

PLEASE don't dump liquids - or ice! - into either landfill trash or recycling bins! They make a mess!

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 and the **Environment**.

Arrive curious ✧ Graduate prepared.

SPECIAL HANDLING

What recyclable items have to be handled differently and what can you do with them?

E-waste – take your non-working or obsolete electronics (phones, computers, cords, etc.) to the IT department in Macmillan and put them in their e-waste recycling box.

Plastic bags – bags and other plastic films can be deposited in the collection box in Zabriskie 212.

Batteries – Deposit **rechargeable batteries** in the collection box in Zabriskie 212. Single use alkaline batteries are not (yet) recyclable and can be put in landfill trash.

Light bulbs – **fluorescent lamps** can be deposited in the collection box in Zabriskie 212. LED lamps or incandescent bulbs can safely go in landfill trash.

What **can't** we recycle? (or what should go into landfill trash bins instead):

- ⊗ **Food waste** (unless you compost it)
- ⊗ **Single use plastic or paper food service items** (napkins, takeout boxes, utensils, cups, plates)



Did we “getcha” yet? Make sure you redeem your **GOTCHA** card – good for \$1.00 off a beverage purchase at the **GRIND Café**. Get in the habit of carrying and using your reusable beverage container or mug - we just might “getcha” with a **GOTCHA**.

“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!

Have a more sustainable Valentine's Day

Skip the card: Instead of a stock greeting card, hand write a letter or poem on recycled paper. Create a long list of all the things you love about your special person.



Flowers: Choose a potted plant over imported, short-lived flowers or make your sweetie an origami rose.

Avoid Perfume. Many perfumes contain hazardous chemicals. Give an all-natural essential oil reminding you of your love.



Chocolate: Select **Fair Trade** certified and/or organic chocolates. Create a romantic experience making fudge together.



Romantic dinner: Making even a simple homemade meal is a great, affordable alternative to eating out and allows you to prepare foods your partner enjoys the most.



Find the perfect gift: Look for vintage items. Antique jewelry or some other retro gift you know your love will treasure can have special meaning without using new resources.

There are many reuse stores near Ithaca. Check out the **Reuse Trail**:

<http://reusetrail.com/>

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