



Hey, Orson, nice sign... but what's the deal?
I want everyone to show more respect for Mother Nature.
 That's nice... but why now..?
*Well, we sure don't seem to be paying attention to the many ways we are mistreating our shared life support system. Mother Nature is getting pretty steamed. After all, NASA reports that 2021 was the sixth hottest year on record. Remember: "If Momma ain't happy, ain't **nobody** happy."*

Love Your Recycling Bin!



Our waste separation station bins need your love and care! Blue bins are for recycling – gray ones are for landfill trash. Even the placement of these bins is intended to help you recall:

Recycling is right – Landfill what's left.

If you are confused about what is accepted for commingled recycling – and **so** many things are! – please check the info sheets posted over the blue recycling bins. Note that **single use plastic items are NOT RECYCLABLE!** *Show you love recycling.*

Please pay special attention to how to properly handle hot or cold single use beverage “go-cups”. Empty paper hot cups and lids and plastic cold cups and lids all go in landfill trash.

Please do not place full or half-full cups of liquid – or ice! – in *either* the trash *or* recycling bins. That practice makes a real mess!



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Arrive curious ∴ Graduate prepared.

Have a more sustainable Valentine's Day

Skip the card. Opt for a hand-written letter or poem on recycled paper. Create a thoughtful list of all the things you love about the person.

Flowers: Give a potted plant and/or organic or local flowers. Spend the extra effort to make paper flowers or an origami rose for your special one.



Perfume: Some of the chemicals that make up the fragrance mix in many perfumes can be toxic. Give an essential oil or other all-natural fragrance that reminds you of your Valentine.



Chocolate: Look for Fair Trade-certified and/or organic chocolate. Spend a fun and romantic evening together making fudge or chocolate chunk cookies.

Restaurant meal: Making a homemade, local and/or organic meal can be a great – and much lower cost! - alternative to dining out.

Unique Valentine gifts: If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind gift, think vintage. Antique jewelry or some other retro gift can have special meaning without using new resources. Check the local *ReUse Trail* site to find one of over 40 reuse stores in and around Ithaca: <http://reusetrail.com/>



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

Get it? Got it? Good!



Get Spotted!

New GOTCHA cards are out! Sustainability club leaders are on the lookout for folks using

their own reusable beverage containers instead of disposable cups. Be “caught” doing the right thing and get a card redeemable for \$1.00 off a barista hot or cold beverage at the GRIND Café.

Show some love – conserve!!

Help Wells save money on electricity. Turn off lights if you are the last one out of any room. If you will be out of your room or office for an extended period, please **turn off** and **unplug** all energy-using equipment. Many continue to draw power even when the item is turned off but still left plugged in. Engage your computer's energy saving settings – it's easy!



Think too about your water use. Can you take a shorter shower? Reducing shower times by even as little as five minutes can save nearly 20 gallons of water. Turn off the sink faucet while brushing your teeth. It takes energy to purify, heat, and pump the water to your faucet or shower head. **Whenever it comes to resources, use what you need, but don't waste them!**

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