

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING GUIDE

### COMPOSTING & RECYCLING



#### What Is Compostable?

Food scraps, paper towels, napkins, compostable to-go containers and serviceware from dining halls are all compostable!

#### What Can You Recycle?

Single Stream: all paper, glass, metal and plastic, except thin plastics like plastic bags and anything smaller than 2" x 2".

Other: cardboard, printer cartridges, batteries, small electronics and writing instruments.



### WHERE CAN I COMPOST & RECYCLE?

Compost bins are located outside of most dining locations and in various locations throughout campus. Compost bins are typically designated with orange lids and bags and/or labels.

Cardboard: Anywhere there is a campus recycling bin; break the cardboard down and place it behind or next to the recycling bin.

Various Items: Household batteries, printer cartridges and small electronics can be recycled in the Moseley Center and the Belk Library among other places. For a full list of recycling locations, please see [elon.edu/sustainability](http://elon.edu/sustainability).



### TRANSPORTATION

**Elon BioBus:** These buses run on biodiesel fuel, which is a blend of biofuel (from vegetable/animal oils) and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. The routes service campus, local apartment complexes and shopping centers, and downtown Burlington. See [elon.edu/transportation](http://elon.edu/transportation) for more information.

**Car Share:** The Zipcar program allows members to "rent" a car when they need one for hourly or daily use. Visit [zipcar.com/elon](http://zipcar.com/elon) to join.

**Share the Ride NC:** This program provides an Elon-specific online network to help users find carpool partners. The program is FREE to students, faculty and staff. See [elonuniversity.sharetheridenc.org](http://elonuniversity.sharetheridenc.org) to join.

Save energy and enjoy the fresh air by walking or biking to class. Campus Recreation & Wellness has bike rentals available for \$25/semester or \$50/year.

### ENERGY

Visit [buildingos.com/s/elon/campus](http://buildingos.com/s/elon/campus) to view the real-time electricity generation of buildings on campus.



Use natural light instead of overhead lights when possible. Open your blinds and allow natural light to warm your room.



Switch out your lightbulbs for LEDs. LEDs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.



Unplug all appliances when not in use, such as computers, toasters, hair dryers, TVs, coffee makers, etc.

### EATING & DINING



Cut down on your meat and dairy consumption. Large-scale livestock and dairy facilities can have substantial environmental impacts.

Eat sustainably and locally produced foods when you can. Eating foods that are in season also reduces the environmental footprint and resources needed to transport food from far away places.

Only fill your plate with as much as you can eat to limit food waste. You can always go back for seconds!

### CONSCIOUS PURCHASING

Support recycled clothing by shopping at local thrift stores or vintage shops.

Research brands and labels. Sometimes labels like "100% natural" aren't always true.

Use reusable or collapsible bags when you go shopping.



### WATER CONSERVATION



Turn off the water when you are shaving or brushing your teeth. Take shorter and cooler showers to save water and energy.

Report all leaks and faulty toilets to Physical Plant by completing a work request via [elon.edu/fixit](http://elon.edu/fixit).

Use the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads to optimize water usage.



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