

Welcome to the Fort Lewis' Green Team!

Thank you for helping support FLC's Commitment to Sustainability!

Welcome to Fort Lewis College, where environmental practice and philosophy is an “unavoidable part of the Fort Lewis experience.” As an institution, our environmental actions are guided by our Pathways to Sustainability initiative, which includes a commitment to climate neutrality and our comprehensive Sustainability Action Plan. As a new member of the FLC community, you are now part of our rich history and bright future in environmental action. To continue building upon our culture of sustainability, please consider implementing the following practices during your workday!

- **Recycle everything that can be recycled!** Please talk with your colleagues or contact Facilities to learn where your building's recycling centers are. Currently, recycling is limited to pre-sorted glass, plastic 1 & 2 bottles (no tubs), aluminum, paper, and cardboard (no paperboard). For detailed recycling information, please visit: <http://www.durangogov.org/recycling/index.cfm>
- **Recycle ink cartridges, toner, cell phones, and batteries** through the Environmental Center (EC). Send them off via intercampus mail, drop off at the EC's office in the Student Union or call x7091 for a pick up.
- **Refill that water bottle!** Water fountains and filtered water stations are available throughout campus. The oil used to fuel the United States bottled water demands could fuel a city of 100,000 people for a year!
- **Turn off appliances and computers when not in use** such as overnight, or during weekends and vacations. An easy solution is to plug appliances into a power strip that you can simply switch off. Doing so will save the average household \$425 a year. If we all did this, we would save 60 billion metric tons of carbon emissions annually.
- **Bus, Bike, Walk, Carpool:** The Durango Transit has a number of routes that stop at the FLC two times hourly. Faculty and Staff can purchase a \$20 annual Transit bus pass through the City of Durango the beginning of the school year. In addition, there are also multiple walking and bike trails between town and campus. To avoid cranking up E. 8th, you can participate in an FLC tradition and park your bike at the racks at the bottom of the hill and carpool the remaining 500 feet.
- **Reduce Wasteful Printing:** Set your default printing mode to double-sided, print on the back of used paper, or better yet, don't print at all and go electronic! To reduce ink use by as much as 50%, consider Eco fonts such as Windows Ecofont Vera Sans. Download for free at ecofont.com
- **Eat Responsibly:** Purchase a “Reusable To-Go” container at the EC to avoid throw-away clamshells or pack your own lunch to save on waste. If you are looking for a homegrown snack on campus, check out the Old Fort Farm stand for FLC-grown, organic meat and produce or harvest your own veggies at the EC campus garden.
- **Purchase Deliberately:** When possible, consider resource sharing or buying used. TheFort portal has a great classifieds section to take advantage of! If new items are needed, strive to buy local products, thereby supporting our local economy, as well as, all of the amazing social and environmental enterprise that our entrepreneurs tackle. Learn more at Local-First.org. Additionally, consider purchasing eco-friendly products. The EPA's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Program is a great resource to get you started: <http://www.epa.gov/epp/>
- **Get Involved!** If working for the environmental cause speaks to you, work towards getting involved with PACEA, the Environmental Center, or SEEDS chapter here on campus. Or, travel beyond the mesa—there are over 70 non-profits involved in social justice or environmental action here in Durango alone!

To learn more
visit the Pathways to Sustainability website: www.fortlewis.edu/sustainability
or contact the Environmental Center Coordinator, Rachel Landis, at
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