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Learn more by contacting Dr. Nora Traviss

JOIN ECO REPS

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KSC has achieved STARS Gold, the 2nd highest rating for sustainability in higher education.



What can you do to make Keene more green?



Wisdom to make a difference.



GREEN LIVING GUIDE

KEENE STATE COLLEGE



FALL 2021

WASTE MINIMIZATION

RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE

The best way to tackle waste is not to create it in the first place. Rethink before purchasing or discarding an item. Reduce waste by eliminating single-use items from your lifestyle. Reuse as much as possible, and be creative about it!

THRIFTY OWL

The Thrifty Owl is a campus thrift store specializing in dorm essentials, kitchenware, office supplies, and professional dress. Check it out on the ground floor of Joslin off Wyman Way.

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

Keene State now uses single-stream recycling! This means CLEAN and EMPTY recyclable metal, plastic, glass, paper, and cardboard all goes into one recycling bin. Help reduce contamination by following the guidelines on recycling bins.

COMPOSTING

Composting is the natural process of recycling food waste and creating soil. Students can compost their food waste in the Zorn Dining Commons and Young Student Center on campus.

50% of all waste generated on campus is diverted away from the landfill. Next goal, make KSC Zero Waste!

ENERGY

FACT: 70% of campus is heated by a renewable biofuel!

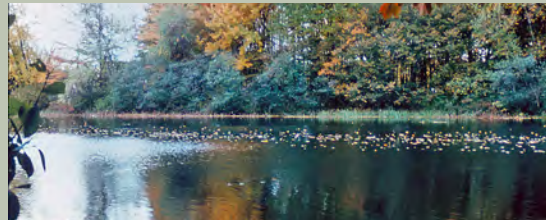
How can you help reduce energy consumption?

1. Turn off lights and electronics when not used
2. Wash only full loads of laundry
3. Use LED light bulbs

WATER

FACT: The Ashuelot River flows right through campus and is one of only four locations in the world where the Dwarf Wedgemussel can be found.

Help keep the water clear!



COMMUNITY

The greater Keene community is a committed partner in sustainability. Check out these local resources promoting green living:

- Monadnock Food Coop
- Keene Farmers Market (open through Oct)
- Harris Center for Conservation
- Monadnock Conservancy
- Elm City Compost
- City of Keene, Sustainability

GREEN BIKES

The Green Bikes Program offers FREE sustainable transportation to the Keene State community. Bikes are available to check out by the semester or day at the Mason Library. Reduce your carbon and grab a Green Bike today!



SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS LABRATORY

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GET THRIFTY

Thrift shopping is a great way to reduce waste and reuse items; check out these local spots for the best thrifting:

- Puggy's
- More Than A Thrift Store
- Salvation Army
- Begin Again
- The Thrifty Owl on campus at KSC

CITY OF KEENE RECYCLING

Recycle aluminum cans, glass bottles, paper, and cardboard FREE at the Keene Transfer Station. Located at 55 Old Summit Road, Keene, NH 03431. Hours: Monday - Friday 7 AM - 3 PM and Saturday 8 AM - 1 PM

ELM CITY COMPOST

Off-campus students can compost their food waste with Elm City Compost for \$20/month for residential collection or \$13/month for self-drop-off at the Monadnock Food Co-op. Composting food waste reduces greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and recycles nutrients, all while giving new life to gardens.

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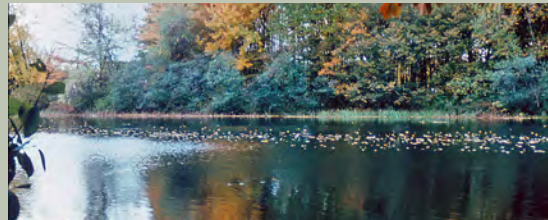
Looking to reduce your energy consumption at home?

1. Turn off lights when not in use.
2. Unplug electronics and appliances when not in use or turn off power strips.
3. Wash only full loads of laundry with cold water.
4. Use LED light bulbs.
5. Use the dishwasher when full instead of washing by hand or turn off the faucet between dishes.

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