

Environmental Sustainability House

**Locations: Hamilton Hall, Colonial Quad (Upperclass Students)
Tuscarora Hall, Indian Quad (Freshman)**

This is a themed house centered on promoting environmental awareness and practices. It consists of a group of students who share a common vision to raise the consciousness of the student body, communicate the importance of environmental conservation and model best practices towards sustainability.

Residents will have the opportunity to work directly with the Office of Environmental Sustainability and the Task Force on implementing and promoting programs. Students will strive to abide by the following community standards:

- ❖ Conserve energy. The use of electricity will be metered separately from the rest of the quad. Students are encouraged not to have a car on campus and data on the number of permits registered by residents of the house will be gathered. Students should also use only CFL bulbs.
- ❖ Conserve water usage. Students are encouraged not to purchase bottled water, and use refillable mugs instead. They should also engage in sustainable practices such as turning off the water while brushing teeth..
- ❖ Maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle. Students are encouraged to make and advocate for healthy eating choices and active lifestyle activities.
- ❖ Recycle. Students are encouraged to actively recycle and tailor a recycling system to ease in the collection of mixed paper, commingled items of glass, plastic and aluminum as well as batteries, CFL light bulbs, ink jets, cell phones and electronics.

Students requesting this residence will agree to take the following actions:

1. Calculate their individual carbon footprint. Resources will be provided to complete this and the footprint of the group as a whole will be calculated.
2. Attend meetings of the UAlbany Students for Sustainability group.
3. Actively participate in one program each semester.
 - a. Fall programs include: the dorm energy campaign, change a light campaign, campus sustainability day and academic events
 - b. Spring programs include: recyclemania, podium energy contest, Earth Day activities, and dump and run.

The success of the program is dependent on the full participation of everyone in the house. Residents are expected to fulfill each of the requirements while residing in the community. Any individual who does not meet the requirements may be removed from the community and placed in another residence hall.

I have read and understand, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Environmental Sustainability housing agreement. I understand that this agreement shall remain in effect throughout my residency in this program. I also understand that if I do not fulfill or violate my requirements I may be assigned to another residence hall.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date