



Energy Use on Campus

HELPFUL BACKGROUND INFO

1. WCU works with PASSHE and the Penn State Facilities Engineering Institute (PSFEI) to negotiate contracts for electricity supply on North and South campus
2. WCU has one of the largest university geo-exchange heating and cooling systems (a highly energy efficient system for HVAC) in the United States, reducing our energy use and carbon footprint
3. WCU has four LEED-certified (Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design) buildings on campus and more that are designed to LEED standards
4. WCU's Building Energy Dashboard provides info on building level energy use
5. WCU's Sustainability Council has a Buildings and Energy Committee that promotes and advances renewable energy and efficiency upgrades

CHECKLIST OF TO-DOS

- Use daylight instead of artificial lighting, when possible
- Consider the energy costs associated with maintaining comfortable temperatures
- Encourage dressing in layers for personal comfort instead of changing the office temperature or using space heaters
- Remind employees and students to switch off/unplug electronics or use computer sleep modes when we leave for the day and for long breaks
- Take the stairs rather than elevators in multi-story buildings, when feasible
- Use energy efficient lightbulbs (LED or compact fluorescent)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HELP

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More about WCU Energy and Sustainability initiatives

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