

# Save the Power

GreenPower is the new campus-wide energy conservation movement for students, faculty and staff.

With GreenPower, Algonquin College has the power to reduce its ecological footprint and become the leading energy-efficient college in Canada and we need your help!

GreenPower aims to keep the campus community informed so we are all aware of how our actions are contributing to saving energy on campus. Stay plugged in to GreenPower through the following activities this semester:

- A dedicated website;
- Email notices and e-newsletters;
- E-hotline to report energy problems;
- Radio announcements;
- Student Orientation Activities - August 27 to September 14;
- Student energy challenges;
- Energy saving tips;
- Posters & print materials;
- A web based behavior tracking tool; and
- Energy Awareness Days.

## Did you know?

Every year, Canada produces 747 megatonnes of greenhouse gas emissions!

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The future is ours to protect.

# What can you do?

It's easy! Just tap into your GreenPower by making simple changes in your everyday behaviour. If we all make small changes we can have a big impact on climate change.

## Tips on Campus:

- Keep doors and windows closed when the air conditioning is on.
- Turn off lights whenever you leave a room or don't need them, even for just a few minutes.
- Open blinds to brighten up a room.
- Shut off computers when you are finished using them.
- Turn off computer monitors if you leave a computer for a few minutes - 60% of the power used by a computer is used by the monitor!

**Energy Myth:** Screen savers save energy.

**Reality:** Giving your computer a nap by enabling its power management features will save energy. A screen saver will not.

## Tips for Dorm Dwellers:

- Unplug clock radios and other electrical devices when you are away on holiday.
- Turn off your dorm room lights when not in use.
- Turn off lights, TVs and other energy users in common areas if you are the last one to leave.
- Use a task lamp instead of a ceiling light to illuminate your study area.
- Unplug infrequently used TVs and other appliances. They continue to draw power even when turned off.
- Make sure you enable your computer's energy-saving features.
- Print only the emails and other items that you really need to print. Wash your laundry in cold water.
- Run full loads of laundry whenever possible but don't overload the machines.
- Dry consecutive loads to utilize otherwise wasted heat from the dryer.
- Take short showers instead of baths. A five-minute shower uses about half as much water as a bath.
- Use curtains or blinds to control the heat.
- Report energy wastage to your Residence Advisor.

**Energy Myth:** Most of the energy used by a washing machine is used to operate the machine.

**Reality:** 90% of the energy consumed in washing is used to heat the water.