

TRASH TALK

SOCIAL SCIENCES GREEN TEAM APRIL NEWSLETTER

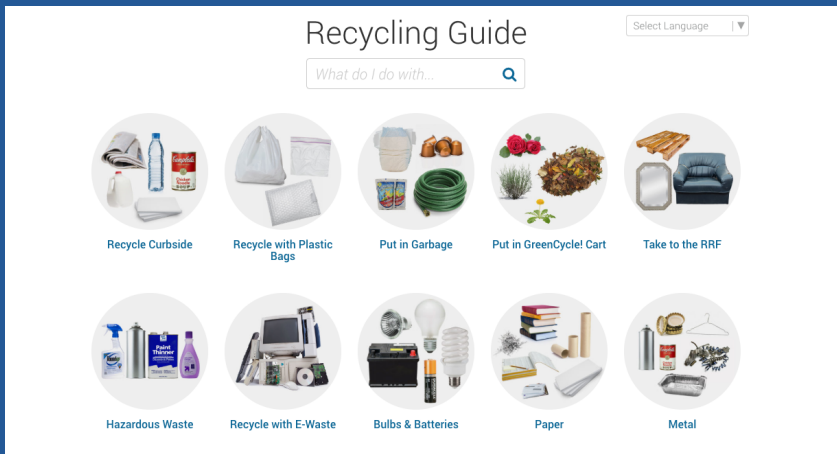
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The UC-wide Cool Campus Challenge 2.0 is Underway

Campuses across the UC system are competing in the Cool Campus Challenge, a contest to see which UC can do the most to reduce its carbon footprint and raise awareness on the importance of going carbon neutral. All students, faculty and staff in the division of social sciences can contribute to this effort by **registering** and doing everyday actions to reduce their footprint. Participants earn points for each action they post. The campus with the most points and highest level of participation at the end of the competition on April 26 will be named the “Coolest UC Campus.” Help UCSC win the title by registering and taking actions to shrink your carbon footprint. To the right are some simple actions you can take to help you get started. **Don't forget to sign up for Team Social Sciences!**





Recycle Right

Recycling isn't easy, and can be confusing at times. Need a refresher on which recyclable material goes in which bin? Here's your recycling guide from the City of Santa Cruz. You can even put your knowledge to the test and quiz yourself.

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More Links

The internet is your friend when it comes to reducing your carbon footprint. There are tons of tools and resources available at the touch of your fingertips. Here are some to look out for:

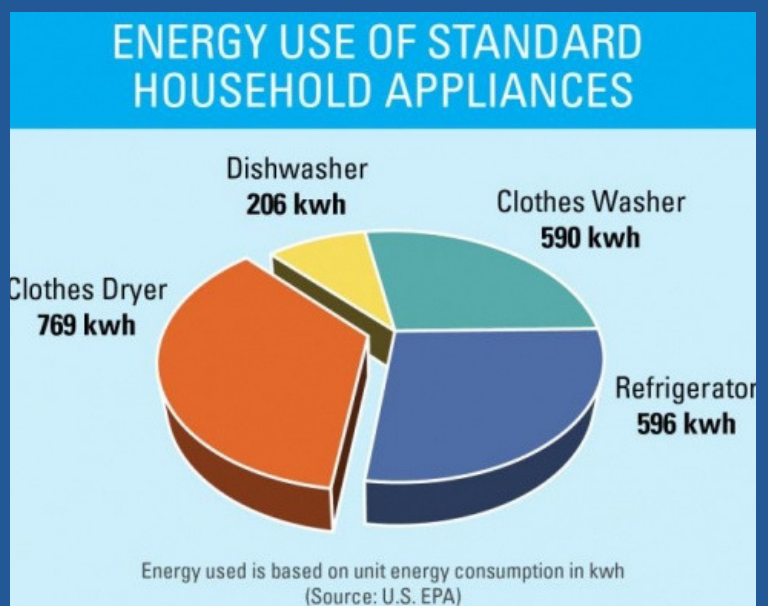
- **Million LED Challenge:** Provides high-quality LED lights to students, staff, faculty, alumni and retirees with informed product selection, great prices, and ease of purchase.
- **CalEnviroScreen Interactive Maps:** A visual map used to identify communities disproportionately burdened by pollution.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice:** Learn more about the NAACP's program that was created to address the ways climate change has a disproportionate impact on low income communities of color in the United States and around the world.

Save Energy on Laundry Day

Washers and dryers are among the costliest appliances to operate and since most of us do at least a few loads of laundry each week, it's worth taking steps to reduce energy use. Taking simple steps such as washing full loads with cold water, using lower heat settings in the

dryer or air drying when you can, and switching to an ENERGY-STAR certified appliance will not only save you energy and money, but also help the environment. For more information and ways to save on laundry, visit

<https://bit.ly/2tqmi6a>.



To find out about how much you're spending to run your washer and dryer each year, use [this appliance energy use calculator](#).