

SUSTAINABLE LIVING GUIDE

COMPOSTING & RECYCLING



What Is Compostable?

Food scraps, paper towels, napkins and labeled service ware from dining halls are all compostable!

What Can I Recycle?

Single Stream (blue bins): all paper, glass, metal and plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars.

Other: thin plastics, cardboard, printer cartridges, household batteries, small electronics and writing instruments.



TRANSPORTATION

Elon Express busses run on biodiesel fuel, which is a blend of biofuel (from vegetable/animal oils) and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. The routes service campus, local apartment complexes and shopping centers, and downtown Burlington and Gibsonville. See elon.edu/transportation for more information.

Link Transit is the local regional transportation system that allows Elon students, faculty and staff to ride for free with their Phoenix Card. Visit linktransit.org for more information.

Save energy and enjoy the fresh air by **walking or biking** to class. Campus Recreation has bike rentals available for \$35/semester.

WATER CONSERVATION



Turn off the water when you are shaving or brushing your teeth. Take shorter and cooler showers to save water and energy.

Report all leaks and faulty toilets to Physical Plant by completing a work request via elon.edu/fixit.

Use the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads to optimize water usage.

WHERE CAN I COMPOST & RECYCLE?

Compost bins are located outside of most dining locations and in various locations throughout campus. Compost bins are typically designated with green lids and bags and/or labels.

Cardboard: Anywhere there is a campus recycling bin; break the cardboard down and place it next to the recycling bin.

Various Items: Thin plastics, household batteries, printer cartridges and small electronics can be recycled in the Moseley Center and the Belk Library among other places.



ENERGY

Visit buildingos.com/s/elon/campus to view the real-time electricity consumption of many buildings on campus.

Use natural light instead of overhead lights when possible. Open your blinds and allow natural light to warm your room.

Switch out your lightbulbs for LEDs. LEDs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Unplug all appliances when not in use, such as computers, toasters, hair dryers, TVs, coffee makers, etc.

DINING



Cut down on your meat and dairy consumption. Large-scale livestock and dairy facilities have substantial environmental impacts.

Eat sustainably and locally produced foods when you can. Eating foods that are in season also reduces the environmental footprint and resources needed to transport food from far away places.

Only fill your plate with as much as you can eat to limit food waste. You can always go back for seconds!



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