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Brantford: 25,000 Sheets Campaign

With the help of Amanda Thomas (Brantford Campus Councillor), Reuben DeBoer (EcoHawks Coordinator), and Dr. Brenda Murphy (Faculty Consultant), the long term goal for the 25,000 Sheets Campaign is to substantially reduce the amount of paper consumed at Laurier Brantford by encouraging faculty, staff and students to use electronic technology, i.e. email, mylearningspace and other electronic media for the dissemination of course outlines, assignment requirements and other information.



Amanda Thomas and Reuben DeBoer size up to 25,000 sheets of paper.

Benefits for Faculty and Staff

- Reduced use of photocopiers
- Easier tracking of students who have handed in assignments
- Minimal documents and assignments to transport
- Easy links to feedback mechanisms and grade book
- Can link directly to Turnitin.com

Benefits for Students

- Easy sharing of documents with the professors and staff
- Students save on printing costs (paper and ink)
- Students will not have to deal with technical difficulties (printer jams)
- Students can receive quick feedback

Meeting the sustainability policy of the university:

"The university is committed to:

- Developing a collaborative approach to sustainable management throughout the University community and adopting best practices sustainable policies and practices across all of the University's campuses.



- Promoting awareness within the University and the broader community of how their personal actions can affect the environment, and how even small changes in their attitudes and actions can collectively contribute to a more sustainable future."

25,000 is the amount of paper that would be saved if each class during the winter session of 2011 reduced their paper consumption by 2 sheets/students. If the amount of paper provided to each student is reduced by 2 sheets, paper consumption will be reduced by 50 packages of paper @ 500 sheets per package. According to Laurier Brantford staff, for January 2011, the expected enrolment across all Laurier Brantford courses multiplied by the number of courses being offered equals 12, 369 student enrolments and at 2 sheets per student, this is a stack of paper 9.3 feet high (2.87 m)!

Canada uses 6 million tonnes of paper and paperboard annually. Only 1/4 of Canada's waste paper and paperboard is recycled (Environment Canada).

Monthly Sustainability CHAMPION



Faculty of Social Work graduate students Shaneika Bailey, Mary Campbell, Samantha Hicks, and Emily Schacht initiated a composting program as part of a school project.

In conjunction with the Sustainability Office and Physical Resources, the program will be extended to incorporate complete recycle centres in order to further divert waste. In their daily lives, the team members are very active in social awareness and action; they individually and collectively strive to divert food waste daily by eating leftovers, portioning food, and composting organic waste. They are committed to eating and buying local and/or organic food when possible, unplugging appliances and electronics when not in use, and using natural cleaning products and reusable mugs.

For more information on recycling at Laurier, visit the Sustainability Office's website or contact cbennett@wlu.ca.

Do you know a sustainability champion?
Send your nominations to cbennett@wlu.ca.

PHOTO (from left to right) Emily Schacht, Samantha Hicks, Shaneika Bailey and Mary Campbell..

Laurier putting its new Energy Management Plan into action

Laurier's 2010 Energy Management Plan has been created to respond to very high and rising energy costs. The Plan outlines goals, utility monitoring, energy management, renewable energy, and related incentive programs to benefit the University both financially and environmentally, which can be found on the Sustainability Office under Operations – Energy. As a first step in the implementation process, 19 buildings on the Waterloo Campus will be sub-metered in order for more accurate monitoring of energy consumption. Once data is collected, we will be able to strategically measure energy and ultimately Greenhouse Gas savings from future infrastructure, building, and behaviour changes that are outlined in the plan and its supporting document on awareness.

Supplementary to this, Laurier will be implementing Lucid Design Software, which is an interactive and visible online tool of real time energy usage for anyone to access through the Sustainability Office Website. Check out its amazing capabilities:
<http://www.luciddesigngroup.com>

Campus Sustainability Highlights

RENEWABLE ENERGY Currently, Laurier has two green roofs on the East and West side of Fred Nichols Centre, which provide several benefits, including storm water retention, insulation, cooling, sound adsorption, and wildlife habitat. There are also solar panels on the roof of the Athletics Centre that supplies hot water to the building.

GREEN EDUCATION Laurier's library services include GreenFILE, a multidisciplinary database with scholarly, government, and general-interest titles covering all aspects of human impact on the environment, found at <http://library.wlu.ca/resource/greenfile>.

GREEN SUPPLIES Laurier's hygiene products are supplied by Tork, who are recognized globally for their comprehensive sustainability efforts:

<http://www.sca-tork.com/insight/Sustainability1/>

<http://www.sca-tork.com/insight/Sustainability1/Environmental-responsibility-/>

<http://www.sca-tork.com/insight/Sustainability1/Tork-products-earn-Green-Seal-certification/>

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Monthly GreenTip



Tim Horton's is located in the King, Peters, and Science Building and it is important to remember that the **EMPTY** beverage cups are recyclable in the paper stream and the lids are recyclable in the plastics stream.



Also, if you bring in your own mug, you will receive a \$0.10 discount.

*****DON'T FORGET!*****

VOTE on May 2nd • Visit Elections Canada or [CLICK HERE](#)

Composter bin distribution on May 7, 2011 in Brantford

The City of Brantford will be holding its annual Composter sale on May 7th, 2011 from 8am–4pm at the Canadian Tire Parking Lot, 30 Lynden Road, Brantford. Cost is \$20 per composter. Brantford Residents only, proof of residency required.

<http://www.brantford.ca/residents/waste/Pages/BackyardCompostingProgram.aspx>

Upcoming Events



20 Minute Makeover • April 15, 2pm • Anywhere

Green Living and Tech Fair

April 16, 11am • 29 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs

Tim Horton's Community Clean up Event

April 17, 10am • Waterloo Park

SC Johnson and Son Tree Plant • April 19 • Veterens Parkway, Brantford

Chamber of Commerce Energy and Environment Forum

April 19 • Wilfrid Laurier University

Brantford Clean and Green Community Clean-ups • April 19–23

Earth Week Speaker Series • April 20, 22, 7pm

St. Andrew's Church, Brantford

Downtown Clean up • April 21, 9am–12pm • Brantford

Waterloo Earth Day • April 23, 10am–2pm

Laurel Creek Nature Centre (free transit from Waterloo Rec Centre)

Composter Sale • May 7, 8am • Canadian Tire parking lot, Brantford

The Sustainability Office works on a variety of initiatives to improve the environmental health and sustainability of the campus. For more details or to get involved, visit www.wlu.ca/sustainability.