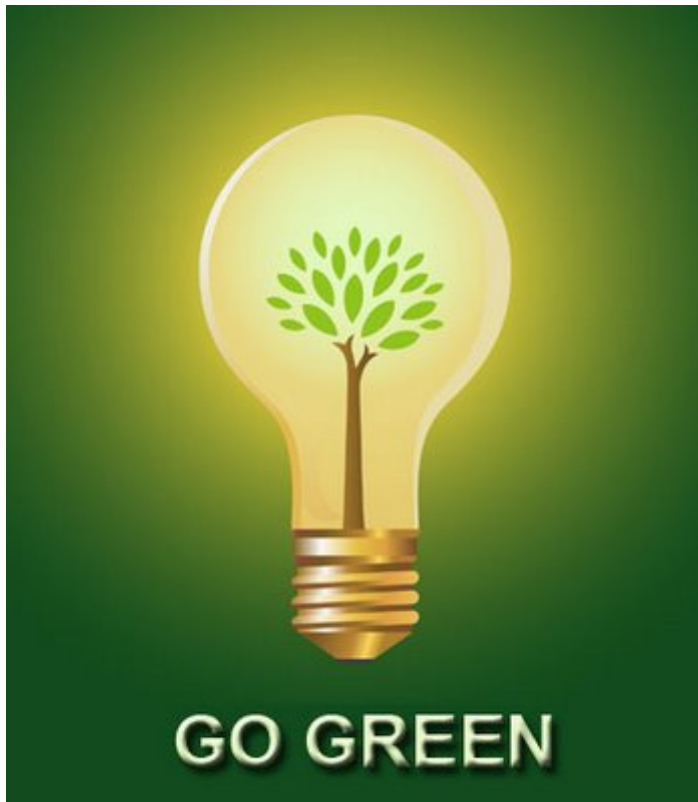
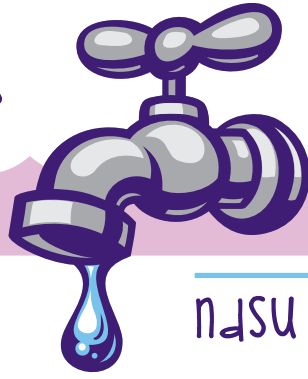


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The two apartments with the least energy consumption during the month of April will be awarded prizes!!

1st Place: \$25 Bookstore giftcards for every tenant in the apartment

2nd Place: \$10 Bookstore giftcards for every tenant in the apartment

THE APARTMENTS ARE GOING GREEN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL!!

Things YOU can do to reduce your carbon footprint:

- Turn off lights when not in use
- Unplug electronics
- Use MTTBUS, bike, roller-blades, skateboards to commute to campus
- Close blinds when using air conditioners
- Recycle aluminum and plastic materials in designated locations in your complex

Recyclable profits will be donated to the Minn-Kota PAWS spay/neuter clinic here in Fargo

NOTE:

Complex Managers are students, too, and some of us are graduating just like you! Please be considerate and give us as much notice as possible if wishing to checkout during finals week and the weekend of graduation. Those that are graduating will have limited times available due to our own families visiting to celebrate at this time of year. The earlier you notify us, the more likely you are to get your desired checkout time!

Forwarding Addresses

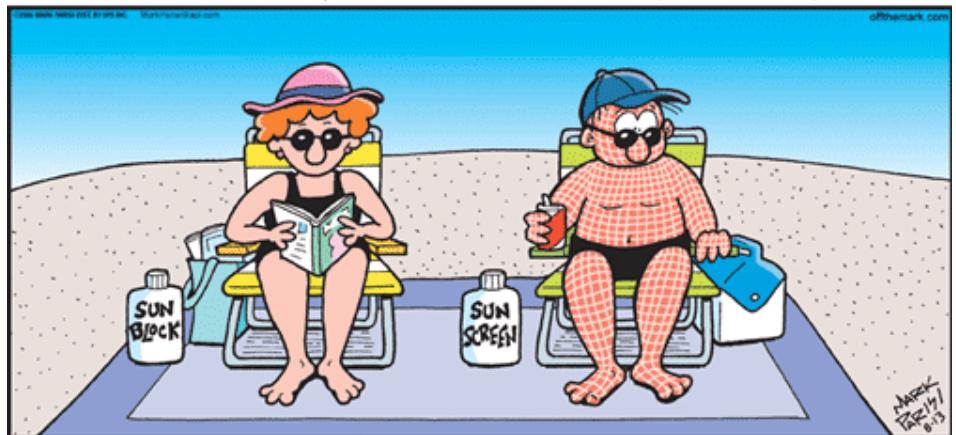
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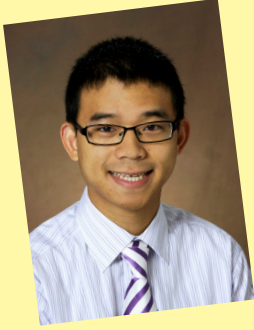
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**Before your check-out
don't forget to clean me:**
Dust on windowsills
Dust on heaters
Air conditioner filters
Inside of microwave
Inside of oven
Behind stove
Underneath the stovetop
Behind refrigerator



Energy Conservation Theory

by: Runjie Zhou

Bison Court Complex Manager

I'm sure you are wondering what Energy Conservation theory is. Well, as an accountant, I love to use big words like conservatism and theory. If you prefer "Energy Saving Tips", it pretty much means the same thing. Now you are thinking: "Oh, I have been hearing about this since kindergarten and I know everything about it" or "I have everything paid for within my rent, why would I care?" Well, kindergarten is like two decades ago for most of us, so we might need a refresh. Yes, your utility is paid for already, but you can't only think about yourself. Consider big events like 2012 or global warming, maybe there are some little things that's worth doing.

1. Unplug

Unplug seldom-used appliances. If you decided to be a good student this semester and abandon your XBOX, you might want to unplug it. Unplug your chargers when you're not charging. Even when you are not charging, the chargers still consume energy. Use power strips to switch off televisions, home theater equipment, and stereos when you're not using them. Even when you think these products are off, together, their "standby" consumption can be equivalent to that of a 75 or 100 watt light bulb running continuously.

2. Set Computers to Sleep and Hibernate

Enable the "sleep mode" feature on your computer, allowing it to use less power during periods of inactivity. Configure your computer to "hibernate" automatically after 30 minutes or so of inactivity. The "hibernate mode" turns the computer off in a way that doesn't require you to reload everything when you switch it back on. Allowing your computer to hibernate saves energy and is more time-efficient than shutting down and restarting your computer from scratch. When you're done for the day, shut down.

3. Take Control of Temperature

Set your thermostat in winter to 68 degrees or less during the daytime, and 55 degrees before going to sleep (or when you're away for the day). During the summer, set thermostats to 78 degrees or more. Use sunlight wisely. During the heating season, leave shades and blinds open on sunny days, but close them at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. Close shades and blinds during the summer or when the air conditioner is in use or will be in use later in the day.

4. Use Appliances Efficiently

Set your refrigerator temperature at 38 to 42 degrees Fahrenheit; your freezer should be set between 0 and 5 degrees Fahrenheit. Use the power-save switch if your fridge has one, and make sure the door seals tightly. You can check this by making sure that a dollar bill closed in between the door gaskets is difficult to pull out. Don't preheat or "peek" inside the oven more than necessary. Check the seal on the oven door, and use a microwave oven for cooking or reheating small items. Wash only full loads in your dishwasher, using short cycles for all but the dirtiest dishes. This saves water and the energy used to pump and heat it. Air-drying, if you have the time, can also reduce energy use. In your clothes washer, set the appropriate water level for the size of the load; wash in cold water when practical, and always rinse in cold. Clean the lint filter in the dryer after each use. Dry heavy and light fabrics separately and don't add wet items to a load that's already partly dry.

5. Turn Out the Lights

Don't forget to flick the switch when you leave a room. Remember this at work, too. Turn out or dim the lights in unused rooms, and when you step out for lunch. Work by daylight when possible. A typical commercial building uses more energy for lighting than anything else.

Save the Date!

April 1 Palm Sunday & April Fool's Day
April 5 Last Day to withdraw or drop with record
April 6 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 8 Easter
April 9 Holy Monday - NO SCHOOL
April 8-14 Passover
April 16 Patriot's Day
April 22 Earth Day
May 4 Last Day of Spring Classes
May 7-11 Final Exam Week
May 11 Graduate GRADUATION!!!
May 12 Undergraduate GRADUATION!!!
May 14 Beginning of summer office hours



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