

What is a Green Partner?

Campus Dining & Shops is a committed Green Partner with the University at Buffalo. We participate in a recycling program at our stores, offices, IT dept, and dining facilities. Our Richmond Dining Center accommodates our vegan and vegetarian population and offers a selection of organic foods. Campus Dining & Shops will continue to work with the University to minimize our impact on the environment.

Our Pledge

Campus Dining & Shops fulfills the standards and obligations set forth by the SUNY Buffalo environmental policies, University at Buffalo campus recycling policy, all other official environmentally related mandates of the State University of New York at Buffalo, and all state and federal law pertaining to environmental stewardship. Campus Dining & Shops trains all new and existing employees to be cognizant of and to participate in environmentally sound practices.

What do we do?

Promote Trayless Dining in our Residential Dining Centers

Files are stored on disc instead of hard copies.

The Commissary recycles all tin cans and cardboard.

Provide napkins made from recycled paper in all of its dining locations.

Use Paper Plates and Paper Cups instead of Polystyrene (Styrofoam) in our dining locations.

IT Department has all old computer equipment go to Electronic Recycling Technologies.

Provide reusable trays through our Carry-Out Club in the Residential Dining Centers.

Participate in the Pride of New York program which supports buying products from local/New York State farmers and manufacturers.

Offices use garbage cans with recycling bins.

Fluorescent light bulbs are recycled.

All cardboard is recycled.

The vending division has placed recycling machines in Capen Hall and the Ellicott Food Court.

Pepsi vending machines are Energy Star certified.

Work with University Facilities on the UB Composting Program.

What Can You do?

Dine-in instead of getting meals to go. Many of our locations use reusable china, and therefore minimize waste.

Take only the napkins you need for your meal.

When carrying out, only take what plasticware you will need.

Take only one beverage cup per purchase; you can purchase a UB mug at many dining locations.

Recycle the bottles you get from vending machines. There are recycling machines in the Ellicott Food Court and second floor of Capen Hall, as well as recycling bins around campus.

Campus Dining and Shops encourages recycling of all bottles after use at UB and at home.

Energy Conservation

Campus Dining & Shops:

Supports campus energy conservation efforts.

Practices responsible lighting management in all its facilities.

Purchases efficient energy consumption products consistent with life cycle cost effectiveness.

Purchases cooking equipment that utilizes natural gas over electricity, when possible.

Considers maximum energy efficiency as a factor for the purchase or rental of all energy consuming equipment.

Notifies the appropriate Facilities office if temperature settings are not consistent with the State University of New York at Buffalo's heating and cooling policies.

Practices Green Computing techniques which include enabling energy management features on all computers, monitors, and peripherals.

Recycling

Campus Dining & Shops persistently seeks to improve its recycling program; considers recycling in all contracts dealing with trash pick-up; researches food services and auxiliary recycling programs at other Universities to identify means of improving its own program; and will investigate options, as a matter of sound management principles, to purchase paper products with maximal post consumer recycled content and minimal chlorine bleaching processes. These include, but are not limited to, copy paper, paper towels, and napkins.

Waste Reduction

Campus Dining & Shops actively promotes the sale and use of reusable mugs in all facilities; seeks to reduce the quantity of disposable cups, plates, and utensils; and employs methods to reduce office waste by encouraging double-sided copying, electronic correspondence and other measures consistent with waste reduction.

Green Design

Campus Dining & Shops adopts Green Design principles to minimize adverse environmental impacts when contemplating renovations or the establishment of new facilities. The principles include, but are not limited to, energy efficient design, appropriate seating, consideration of renewable energy resources, use of environmentally friendly materials, and waste reduction techniques.