Your Guide to a
Green Dorm Room...

Before you move in...

1. **Buy it here** - Shipping is fuel-intensive, so minimize it by doing your shopping when you arrive in Vermont

2. **Reuse** - See if you can find some gently used items to create a unique room! Try craigslist, the local thrift stores, or Middlebury’s Material Recovery Facility, where tons of treasures from last year’s move out are stored for re-use

3. **Plan ahead** - Talk to your roommate to avoid ending up with 2 of everything

4. **Be efficient** - If you get a fridge or other small appliances, make sure they’re EnergyStar. Also use CFLs in all of your lamps

Setting up your room...

1. **Power strips** - Even when devices are turned off, if they’re plugged in they’re using energy. Plug chargers, speakers, and other devices into a power strip that can be turned off when not in use

2. **Day light** - If you put your desk near the window, you can leave the lights off and study by day-light when possible

Forming green habits...

1. **Turn it off** - Remember to turn off lights, fans, speakers, etc. when you leave your room

2. **Recycle** - Put plastics #1-7, glass, and paper in the blue recycling bin in your room, put things that can’t be recycled in the gray trash bin. When they’re full, take them to the waste station in your dorm to empty them out into the proper bins

3. **Shut it down** - Screen savers don’t save energy! Turn off your computer over night and use the energy saving settings so the screen and computer go to sleep during periods of non-use.

4. **Skip the dryer** - Use a drying rack instead. If you don’t have space to air-dry a huge load of laundry in your room, air-dry half of the load so that the rest will dry in one cycle in the dryer instead of two!