OUR FUTURE IS SUSTAINABLE

USC is rolling out new tools and programs to make our campus more sustainable.

Here's what we're doing:

ALL Trojans can make small behavior changes that have a big environmental impact.

Here's what you can do:



REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

This fall, USC is launching a digital dashboard that displays campus energy usage in real time. This helps make our buildings more energy efficient by increasing awareness of energy usage.



FLEX YOUR POWER

- Turn off the lights! Use natural lighting and spot lamps instead of overheads.
- Adjust thermostat setpoints to 78° in the summer and 68° in the winter.
- Power down game consoles, TVs, computers and other electronics.



REDUCING WATER CONSUMPTION

USC has installed "purple pipe" throughout main campus so we can receive recycled water from the City when it becomes available. This will help reduce our potable water for campus cooling systems and irrigation use.



BE WATER WISE

- Take shorter showers.
- Only wash full loads when doing laundry.
- Use the dishwasher hand-washing dishes can waste 9x as much water.
- A small faucet leak can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day. Report leaks to Housing Maintenance at hsmtma.usc.edu.



DIVERTING WASTE

This fall, USC is composting pre-consumer and post-consumer food waste in all three residential dining halls. Composting prevents food from decomposing in landfill and emitting harmful greenhouse gases.



MASTER THE THREE R'S

- REDUCE food waste by being mindful of your portions.
- REUSE refillable water bottles at the 82 hydration stations in USC residence halls.
- RECYCLE! Look for new waste diversion signage on bins in academic and admin buildings. Too much trash in the recycling means the whole bin gets sent to landfill, so Separate, Don't Contaminate!



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

USC recently launched Traveler, a mobility platform that uses USC sustainable transportation options to facilitate travel planning and minimize carbon emissions from cars. Visit gettraveling.usc.edu.



HELP REDUCE SMOG AROUND CAMPUS

Reconsider how you travel to campus - walk or bike, use public transit, and carpool.





