

The **Corvallis Environmental Center's Get SMART! Resource Efficiency Program** is being used by the OSU Sustainability Group to identify actions that can save money or resources and help the university to become a more environmentally sustainable workplace.

Last spring, the center conducted a review of Peavy and Richardson Halls to help the College of Forestry assess our resource use and to suggest actions or policies that conserve energy, water, and materials.

A sample of these suggestions includes:

Energy Use:

Lighting:

- Turn off overhead fluorescent lighting in the lobby during daylight hours
Estimated savings: \$80/yr (960 kWh)
- Keep one-half of hallway lights turned off during the day
Estimated savings: \$80/hallway/yr (1400 kWh/hallway)

Computers:

- Set all monitors and CPUs to go into "sleep mode" during inactivity periods of 10 minutes or more
- Turn off computers at overnight and on weekends
Estimated savings: \$230/yr/room (4700 kWh/room)

HVAC:

- Turn off heat in unused areas and offices

General equipment:

- Turn off copy machines overnight and weekends
Estimated savings: \$40/yr/machine (750 kWh/machine)

Water Use:

- Install low-flow toilets or water displacement devices in restrooms
Estimated potential savings: \$450/yr/device (85,000 gal/device)
- Install low-flow aerators in restroom sinks
Estimated potential savings: \$100/yr/sink (18,800 gal/sink)

Materials Use:

- REDUCE overall office paper consumption
-Estimated potential savings: 25% reduction in paper expenses
- REUSE office and laboratory supplies whenever possible
- RECYCLE and purchase RECYCLED materials