

# Energy Conservation Is Everyone's Business

## ***Small actions by individuals can add up to huge savings for the University.***

Energy saving suggestions:

- Turn off the lights in classrooms, offices or restrooms when the rooms are not occupied and especially after the last use for the day.
- Use desk lamps for "task lighting" and turn off the overhead lights.

*(With over 9 million square feet on our campus, turning off lights for just one additional hour per day could reduce our annual energy costs by over \$200,000.)*

- Shut off computers at the end of each day  
*(Turning off computers each night could reduce our annual energy cost by over \$40,000)*
- Keep laboratory fume hood sashes at the lowest possible position.
- Reduce the number of fume hoods in use by consolidating experiments, chemical storage, etc.
- Shut off unnecessary electrical loads such as radios, coffee pots, fans, space heaters, clocks, etc.
- Minimize electrical and natural gas loads by reducing hot water usage, reducing the time clothes dryers are run after clothes are dry, etc.
- Wear warmer clothing, socks/shoes, etc. to remain comfortable in varying conditions.
- Growth chambers, environmental chambers, greenhouses, coolers, refrigerators, etc. Shut these down when they are not actively supporting a project or experiment - call Facilities Operations at 5-9000 for assistance.
- Consolidate projects or experiments into one chamber where possible so we get the highest use out of the energy purchased.
- Keep windows closed. There are times that systems problems necessitate windows being opened to make a room useable. Please do not open windows unnecessarily; If it is essential to open a window, please shut it as soon as possible. Do not leave rooms with the windows open.

***For further assistance in energy saving measures,  
contact Facilities Operations at 335-9352.***