



Texas Woman's University Green Room Certification Application

Name _____ Hall & Room _____ Date _____

Email _____

For each statement, check the box next to it if you take that action in order to be more sustainable. If you do not take that action, leave the box unchecked. If an option does not apply to you, discuss it with your RA at the room check so the option will not count against you. You will need a minimum of 20 options selected and approved for the minimum level of certification. You will be required to show proof or explain why you have checked the boxes you have, as well as have a general discussion with your RA. This may require you showing your RA computer power settings and looking around your room (with you present).

Mandatory

- I have at least one recycling bin in my room and I recycle properly by cleaning off food residue and only recycling approved items.

Energy

- I use compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) or light emitting diode (LED) bulbs in decorative lighting
- I unplug electronic items (power chargers, lamps, etc.) AND/OR turn off the power strip they are plugged into when I am not using them
- I have at least one Energy star or EPEAT certified appliance
- I do not have a mini fridge
- I do not have a microwave
- I shut down my computer when I am not using it
- I have a sleep setting on my computer set to activate after 5 minutes or less
- I use the power management settings on my computer
- I open the shades or curtains to utilize natural light during the day
- I use a drying rack for at least 40% of my clothing, instead of a dryer
- I turn the lights off before leaving a room, including public bathrooms and common areas
- I take the stairs instead of an elevator

Water

- I turn off the water while brushing my teeth
- I always shower for 5 minutes or less
- I use lukewarm water when showering
- I use cold water settings when I wash my laundry
- I wash only full loads of laundry
- I use green laundry products free of synthetic fragrances and dyes, phosphates, bleach and surfactant nonylphenol ethoxylate

- I do not use fabric softener

Carbon Footprint

- I am vegetarian, vegan, or I make an effort to limit/reduce the amount of dairy and meat I eat
- I walk or bike whenever possible
- I take public transportation instead of driving a car
- I try to carpool with others whenever possible
- I use a ride sharing website when traveling to other parts of the state/country
- I compost food waste (such as: coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable scraps, napkins, etc)
- I buy food locally from farmer's markets or choose locally-grown food from grocery stores
- I buy organic goods

Reducing, Reusing, Recycling

- I use a reusable BPA-free stainless steel or plastic water bottle
- I have donated items I don't need to redistribution organizations
- I have thrifted, homemade, and/or "second-hand" items in my room
- I buy electronic instead of hard-copy books whenever possible
- I dispose batteries and electronics safely
- I have a collection of scrap paper/paper with printing on one side, to reuse for printing or other needs
- I use reusable shopping bags whenever possible
- I use reusable cups, plates, and silverware in my room
- I only take/prepare as much food as I am able to eat
- I clean/dust with rags instead of paper towels
- When washing my hands, I shake the water off so I only need one paper towel or I do not dry with paper towels
- I buy items that are not individually packaged whenever possible

Involvement

- I take, or have taken, sustainability-related courses in college
- I have helped with or have participated in a sustainability-related event in my community
- I volunteer for a sustainability-related extracurricular group
- I have recently watched (or plan to watch) a sustainability-related documentary (Food, Inc., Gasland, Earthlings, An Inconvenient Truth, Tapped, etc).
- I have talked to at least one person who is interested in pursuing TWU's Green Room Certification Program, or I plan to in the next three days.

Please print this form (you will get 1 bonus point for printing it on one sheet of paper!) and turn it into your RA after completion. They will complete the rest of the process with you at an agreed upon time.

RA USE ONLY

Total: _____/45 Certification (circle one): Bronze (20+) Silver (30+) Gold (40+)

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____ Date _____

RAs: Please return this form to Jill Eckardt at the Housing Office to complete the application process.