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# LEED ERSHIP

*Be a LEEDER in a LEED building, because it wouldn't be LEED without you.*

Your sustainability best practices guide for residing in  
Kerrey Hall at the new University Center.

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*Welcome to  
your new school!*

These best practices are intended for all Kerrey Hall residents to follow so that the University Center can operate as sustainably as possible. While a **LEED** certification ensures the design of the building intends to reduce environmental impacts, your behavior in the building can still dramatically affect these impacts through your use of water, energy, and the waste you generate.

The **LEED**ership Eco-Kit provided will help you get started on your way to becoming a **LEED**er.



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## *What is sustainability?*

**SUSTAINABILITY** is a term more widely used to include environmental, economic, and social justice that abides by the definition of “sustainable development” formed by the Brundtland Commission, established by the United Nations in 1983: Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

For details about The New School's commitment to sustainability & current initiatives on campus visit:

**[www.newschool.edu/sustainability](http://www.newschool.edu/sustainability)**



## *What is LEED?*

# LEADERSHIP in ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN,

is a suite of “green” rating systems that are transforming how our buildings and communities are designed, constructed, maintained and operated across the globe. Conservation of land, energy, water and waste as well as promotion of healthier buildings is at the core of the rating systems. Founded by the US Green Building Council in 1998, **LEED** has grown to be recognized as the standard for sustainable design and construction with over 1.5 million square feet a day around the world becoming **LEED** certified.

**THE UNIVERSITY CENTER IS THE NEW SCHOOL'S FIRST LEED BUILDING AND IT IS DESIGNED TO MEET A LEED GOLD RATING!**

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300 ft



## 1. LEEDership Guide



## 2. Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL)



## 3. Ecos Liquid Laundry Detergent



## 4. Mrs. Meyer's Dish Soap



## 5. Bag to Earth Biodegradable Bag



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# ELECTRICITY

Smart controls conserve energy in your room.

All University Center lighting is energy efficient. To conserve energy your overhead lighting will automatically shut-off when you vacate the room should you leave it on. Compact Fluorescents (CFLs - spiral bulbs) or LEDs are the only bulbs permitted for any personal lamps. These light bulbs save up to **75% less energy** and last six times as long as any incandescent light bulb. **Two CFL bulbs are provided in the LEEDership Eco-Kit.**

The **red wall outlets** in each bedroom will automatically shut off any plugged in electronic device when you vacate the room to eliminate “phantom loads” - devices that still draw electricity when turned off. Appliances that do not require a constant power source are appropriate for the red outlets: lamps, printers, stereos, or any music equipment.

**Please note:** any power adapter (cell phone and laptop chargers) plugged into the **red wall outlets** will stop charging when you vacate the room.

## LEEDership *Tips*:

Set your computer to go into sleep mode after ten minutes of inactivity. Turn it off when you're not using it. It's a myth that shutting down your computer regularly harms it or requires more energy.





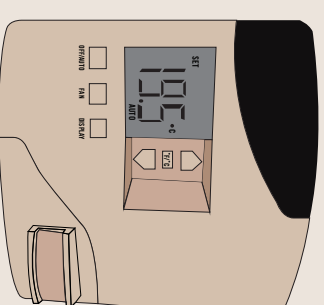
## HEATING & COOLING

**These systems are designed for energy efficiency.**

Each bedroom has a thermostat that controls the temperature. When you vacate the room the thermostat will automatically “set-back” to an energy saving mode. Be patient as the system needs time to bring the temperature back to the previous setting. When you open the window, the heating and cooling will automatically shut off to conserve energy. The temperature in the kitchen and common area is controlled by a centralized building system.

### **LEED**ership *Tip*s:

The optimal thermostat setting for summer is **78 F** and **68 F** in winter. This is more environmentally and economically efficient. Also wear appropriate clothing to reduce needless energy use (i.e. no tank tops in February).



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## INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**Interiors were designed to provide a safe and healthy environment.**

All furniture in your suite contains low VOCs (volatile organic compounds) including no added urea formaldehyde. This ensures you are not exposed to known carcinogens and irritants. To this end, spraying of paint, fixatives, aerosols, and other art products are only allowed in rooms with exhaust ventilation: rooms 408, 409, & 507. Use of resins is also prohibited.

### **LEEDership *Tips*:**

Seek out cleaning products with the Green Seal label. Avoid products with labels that include: “caution,” “warning,” or “irritants” that contain chlorine bleach, ammonia, aerosols, nonylphenol ethoxylates, phosphates, petroleum-based ingredients or are labeled as a “disinfectant” because they can contain bleach.

Use the Mrs. Meyers **biodegradable** dish soap provided in the **Eco - Kit**.



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All water fixtures are low flow to conserve water.

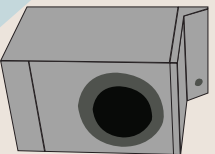
### Toilets

Wave your hand above the sensor located on the top of the toilet to flush. This type of sensor eliminates unnecessary automatic flushing.



### Laundry

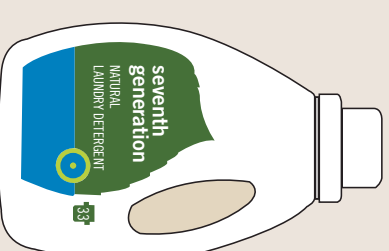
Even with highly efficient washers, wash clothes only with a full load and on cold since 90% of energy used for washing clothes is from heating the water.



### LEEDership *Tips:*

Use only High Efficiency laundry detergents (“HE” logo). And by using laundry detergents that contain “biodegradable” ingredients that are gentler on our greywater system, which recycles water from sinks, showers, and laundry for reuse in the building.

Use the **Ecos Liquid Laundry Detergent** provided in the **LEEDership Eco-Kit**.



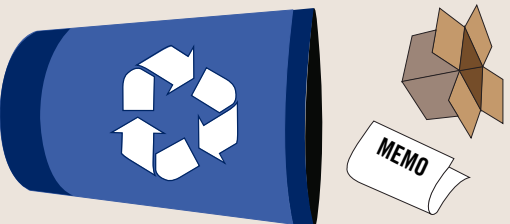
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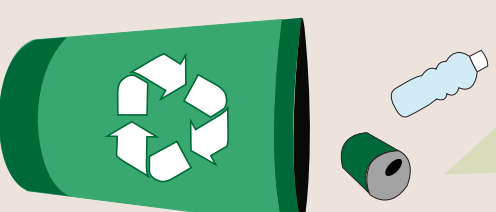
In New York City, recycling is the law and it is critical to the university's commitment to reducing its environmental impact.

In April 2013, NYC announced it recycles **ALL** rigid plastics. Almost all everyday items you discard are recyclable. This is new for many of you, please be patient as signage is updated throughout campus to reflect this change.

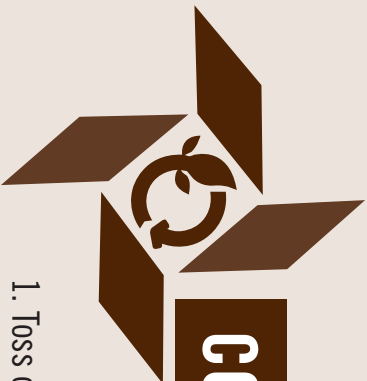
There is a **blue bin** in each room to collect paper and cardboard. Large cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed next to the bins in the waste room on your floor.



**Mixed recycling** includes ALL rigid plastics and metals -- i.e. bottles, jugs, yogurt containers, take-out food containers, hangers, and bulk plastic such as crates and buckets, aluminum foil, and soda cans. Rinse out soiled containers before disposing.



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# COMPOSTING

Kerrey Hall composts to keep waste out of landfills.

1. Toss organic waste in the **BAG TO EARTH** brown paper (compostable) bags: all food scraps (including meat, cheese, bones) dried plants, soiled paper products, and anything that is biodegradable.
2. Roll down the top of the bag to seal.
3. When full or every few days, discard bag in the bin marked "compost" in the waste room.
4. Bag can be stored in the kitchen. To eliminate smell, store it in your freezer.
5. Your job is done!

## LEEDership *Tips*:

Organic waste is picked up by a commercial hauler and taken to a facility where it is turned into fertilizer. Instead of adding to a landfill and generating methane, a potent climate-changing gas, your organic waste becomes future nutrients for plants!

Your first **BAG TO EARTH** bag is provided in the **LEEDership Eco-Kit**. Pick up more bags in Resident Advisor (RA) office.





Ways you can get involved in sustainability initiatives at The New School

Slow Food is a student organization that organizes community meals on campus using locally sourced and ethically produced food. **Contact: [slowfood@newschool.edu](mailto:slowfood@newschool.edu)**

The Real Food Challenge (RFC) is a national student-led movement that is aimed at shifting their university's dollars from industrial agriculture into sustainable and healthy food systems. The goal is have 100% 'real food', by 2020. Interested in getting involved? **Contact: [sustainability@newschool.edu](mailto:sustainability@newschool.edu)**

Sustainable Cities brings together New School students and New York professionals committed to sustainable urbanization. Visit their Facebook page about events and upcoming meetings: <https://www.facebook.com/SustainableCitiesClub>

The **Green Community** at Kerrey Hall practices an environmentally sustainable lifestyle that serve as a model for other residents. Interested in being a **LEEDer**? **Contact the Green Community RA at: [salyk921@newschool.edu](mailto:salyk921@newschool.edu)**

ReNew School is one of the original environmental activist groups on campus. **Contact: [renewschool@newschool.edu](mailto:renewschool@newschool.edu)**

New School Bikes! is dedicated to expanding safe biking to campus and building a community of cyclists. **Contact: [sustainability@newschool.edu](mailto:sustainability@newschool.edu)**



Slow Food  
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