

Composting

Composting stations can be found in the Dining Commons and Student Center. All food can be composted along with any paper products such as ketchup cups and napkins. There are paper composting bins located in the trash room of every dorm building. Composting is an important factor moving Keene State College towards its 0 waste goal. Composting at KSC continues to expand, make sure to look for new composting opportunities across campus throughout the semester.

Green Bikes

Biking is a sustainable and healthy alternative to driving and a great way to travel around our campus and city. Green Bikes is a program at Keene State College that takes old or broken bikes that are donated or left on campus and fixes them to rent to students and community members. The Green Bikes shop is located in the basement of Keddy Hall. The program aims to provide bikes to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. The Green Bikes goal is to provide the campus with free, healthy, and sustainable means of transportation, as well as the beautiful freedom that only a bicycle can provide. Bikes can be rented out at the front desk of the Mason Library.



Energy, Water and Reducing Consumption

Reducing consumption can make the largest impact on environmental and social inequalities globally. The following are examples of how you can reduce your consumption:

- Only use washers when you have a full load of laundry or combine with a friend.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn down the heat when you leave the room.
- Unplug electronics when they are not being used.
- Avoid single use products and packaging. Most grocery stores including Hannaford's and the Co-Op have a bulk section where you fill up your own containers.
- Limit plastic consumption by using reusable water bottles. Water bottle fill stations can be found near the water fountain in the Student Center, Library, Gym, all res. halls and most academic buildings.
- Avoid buying clothing and items you don't need or will use once. Instead borrow them from a friend or purchase them from a thrift store.

Sustainable Eating

Consuming less animal products can reduce your carbon footprint up to 50% and reduce water consumption up to 92%. In an effort to reduce strain on our environment, vegan and vegetarian options can be found at Keene State's Dining commons, Starbucks, and Hoot-and-Scoot.

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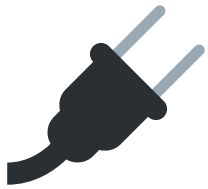
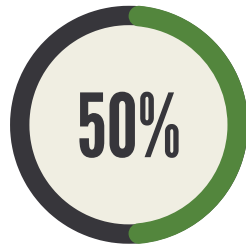
KSC Eco-Reps

KSC's Commitment to Sustainability

AASHE is an organization that accredits colleges with bronze, silver, gold and platinum stars according to the sustainability practices on campus. KSC's commitment to achieve AASHE gold star status by the end of 2020 encompasses all aspects of sustainability - environmental, social and economic. Together we can create an environmentally conscious community, and a healthier nest for future KSC owls.

In order to become a gold star school and help preserve our environment, KSC has sustainability goals. Many of these goals require actions from students.

Keene State is committed to a 50% waste diversion rate by the end of 2020, and a zero-waste campus by 2030.



Keene State aims to reduce per capita electricity, heat and water use by 20% by the end of 2020.

This Green Living Guide will help you navigate sustainable living at Keene State.

Recycling

Each dorm room should have two blue bins for recycling. Recycle bins for your dorm should be located near the trash.

Every dorm recycles the following:

Paper: Envelopes, newspapers, paperboard, notebook paper, all colored paper, printer paper and other paper products. Paper recycling does not include waxed paper. Please remove metal spirals from notebooks.

Co-mingled: Plastics 1 and 2, drink and food cans, glass bottles, cups and containers, clean aluminum foil and clean food containers. Co-mingled recycling does not include plastics 3-7, plastic straws or plastic bags. Please remember to clean all drink and food containers before recycling them.

Cardboard: Clean flattened cardboard. This does not include pizza boxes.

Paper products compost: Empty pizza boxes, paper coffee cups, napkins, tissues, waxed paper, milk and juice cartons with no plastic.



Recycling Continued

Recycle stations can also be found in every campus building. Electronic waste recycling can be found in the Student Center Lobby. Here you can recycle CD's and DVD's, flash drives, batteries, CFL lightbulbs, computer, phone and TV parts, wires and cables.

How to know what plastics to recycle



All plastic items are labeled numbers 1-7, depending on what type of plastic they are made of. Keene State recycles plastics 1 and 2. These numbers can typically be found on the bottom or sides of the containers. Plastic bags don't always have numbers on them, but are not usually recyclable.



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