

UVA ECONETWORK



Green Living

Green living encompasses both On-Grounds and Off-Grounds housing with a focus on how we can alter both the systems in which we live to be more sustainable, as well as the choices we make individually to live more sustainably.

On-Grounds

- **Ways to Get Involved at UVA**

- [Green Living Page](#) on the OFS website
- Green Living Certification
 - You can become Green Living certified by [filling out this form](#). Essentially, you will pledge to participate in actions that are better for the earth.
- Consider living in Hereford Residential College! Open to all years, they try to instill sustainable living practices and tend to a community garden throughout the year.
- Growing for Change (see CIOs/Clubs page)

- **Bodies of Power**

- HRL Sustainability Committee
 - You can apply for funding through this group to create sustainable change in On-Grounds spaces!

- **UVA Systems**

- Check out information on UVA's recycling, food, transportation, and energy on the respective pages to see how your interaction with UVA does or does not help the environment.

Off-Grounds

- **Recycling in C'ville**

- Unfortunately, plastic numbers 3-7 are no longer (as of April 2020) accepted in Charlottesville. The city still recycles other products, like aluminum, glass, and paper. This is because of China's ban on imports of this kind of product.
- The University recycles all plastics, paper, aluminum, and glass. Your best bet to recycle plastic is to bring it on-Grounds to one of the many recycling bins in University buildings.

- **Composting**

- You can bring compost to the McIntire Recycling Center, and some apartments close to Grounds even offer this in their normal waste services.

- **Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP)**

- LEAP is a "non-profit that matches Charlottesville residents with the best programs, contractors, and financing options available in your area." You can get valuable home upgrades like energy efficiency and solar panels – customized to your needs and budget.
- If you fall into a particular financial bracket (which most students do) you can qualify for energy upgrades to your home. This mostly applies to those living in houses, and the landlord/owner of the house will need to be involved.
- For more information on LEAP, click [here](#).

- **Food**

- Check out the Food/Shopping page for how you can make your choices more sustainable.

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