

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to contribute to Ellison Hall's sustainability efforts. The building is scheduled to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification this year, putting it alongside buildings such as Bren Hall and Girvetz. It'll take a lot to get this recognition, so everything you can do will help a lot!

### **Look inside for...**

- 1) Our new zero waste campaign. Our goal is to hit a 75% diversion rate by the end of the school year and zero by 2012. One step ahead of the UC wide policy to hit 50% by 2008 (which we already do as a campus), 75% by 2012 and Zero by 2020.
- 2) Every Drop Counts Volunteer Day
- 3) Taking the LEED to Climate Neutrality Volunteer Day
- 4) Get some supplies for free

### **Zero Waste: One Step Ahead**

Thanks to a grant from The Green Initiative Fund, Ellison Hall is set to be One Step Ahead in the school's goal to be zero waste. We're aiming to keep 75% of Ellison Hall's waste out of landfills by 2008 and to go entirely zero waste by 2012 – eight years ahead of the rest of the school and you can help. You've probably noticed the clusters of white metal bins throughout the building: at least one on every floor. Throw your old office paper, envelopes, books, magazines, cans, bottles, transparencies, electronic waste, and more into these bins to make Ellison Hall One Step Ahead! If you've got any questions about what you can recycle, email [Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu)

Food waste counts too, so don't forget to throw your old food into the compost bins in the Geography and ICESS kitchens, Communications seminar room, and VIPER lab.

Last, consider the coffee cup. Or rather, consider that they aren't recyclable since they're made of wax-coated paper. But since no one's given up their morning coffee, these things keep piling up in the Ellison Hall trashcans. We've got a solution to this. Starting soon, those who work in Ellison Hall will be able to buy a durable, stylish, reusable coffee mug to replace all those disposable cans. Even better, thanks to TGIF, the mugs will be sold for below-wholesale prices. In case you want to learn more about Ellison Hall's sustainability efforts, our website will be helpfully printed on the side of the mug.

### **Every Drop Counts! Volunteer Day**

Help out for an hour or two on October 10th, as we look at how much water we use in the building and raise awareness about water conservation. Representatives from the Goleta Water Board will be helping us with the audit and answering questions. Volunteers will receive free snacks and there will be a series of games volunteers can play which will make them eligible for cool prizes. Email [Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu) to sign up for a volunteer time.

## **Taking the LEED to Climate Neutrality Volunteer Day**

Volunteers and members of the committee will be going door to door on October 15th in Ellison Hall to talk about reducing energy use in our building, specifically with regards to computer monitors, which are one of the biggest draws. We will also be handing out free CFLs and Reminder signs to turn out the lights. A few simple steps can cut a monitor's yearly electricity draw over 90%, and we'll be telling you exactly how you can do that. There will be training from 12-1pm (with free pizza) on what you can do to conserve energy and we will need volunteers from 1-4:30pm to spread those skills to others in the building. Email [Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:Krispi@umail.ucsb.edu) to sign up for a volunteer time.

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## **Free Office Supplies**

Due to our recycling efforts, the committee has a giant surplus of three ring binders in all sizes. If you'd like to get some for free, email [krispi@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:krispi@umail.ucsb.edu)

Like what you see here? Want to get involved? Email [krispi@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:krispi@umail.ucsb.edu) to join the Ellison Hall Sustainability Committee!