

The Emory & Henry Energy Program

Saving energy helps your tuition dollar stretch farther. When you use energy wisely, you leave more resources for the things you really care about: scholarships, programs, technology upgrades, facility improvements, and a top-notch faculty and staff. Don't give your money away to the utility companies. Keep it here on campus.

Heating & Cooling: These use over half the energy in your building. Know how to operate your thermostat controls and keep up with their settings. Think 72. Set A/C no lower, and heat no higher, than 72 degrees. And, when you leave your room, either turn it off completely or raise A/C to 80 and lower heat to 55.

Awareness: Be aware of what is using energy in your room. Always turn off lights and electronics whenever you leave.

Get help from Mother Nature: Close window blinds in warm weather and open them in cold weather. In nice weather, turn off your A/C or heat and open your windows.

Don't heat or cool the outdoors: When using A/C or heat, keep windows closed.

Tell your RA: If you have too much heat in your room and must open a window to stay comfortable, report it to your RA immediately. Also report plumbing issues and water leaks.

Be kind to your fridge: Allow space for air to circulate behind your refrigerator (where the coils are) and be sure to *empty and unplug it the day before you leave for winter break*. When your refrigerator is OFF, always prop the door open, to air it out and prevent mold and mildew.

Computer Care: Your computer will thank you if you shut it down when you are done with it, and not just put it asleep. A full shutdown saves the life of processors and saves energy. Avoid extended use of screen savers - they prevent your computer from sleeping.

Showers and Laundry: Run water only when you need running water. Turn on your shower only when you're ready to hop in. Wait for a full load of clothes before doing laundry. Use cold water wash for most purposes-it prevents stains from setting, and prolongs the life of your clothing.

Take Charge: If you see an outside door left open, close it. If you see lights left on in the lounge during the day, turn them off.