## **SUSTAINABILITY**



## If Everybody's Doing It...

**Purpose of Activity:** To inform residents about the Eco Power software and discuss the impact of various energy consumption habits

## **Materials Needed:**

- Tips provided
- Fabric backing (butcher paper if needed)
- Decorations

## Content:

- 1. Check out your "carbon paw print" with the interactive Eco Power software found here
  - a. www.life.arizona.edu/ecopower
- 2. If everyone who lived in the halls used energy in the following ways, this would be the impact over the course of the school year:
  - a. Hair Dryers: blow dry hair for 15 minutes a day
    - i. Equivalent to annual greenhouse gas emissions from 174 cars
    - ii. Would need to grow 21,424 tree seedlings for 10 years to sequester the carbon
  - b. Desk Lamps: turn on desk lamp for 3 hours a day.
    - i. Using LED lights in your lamp can make a huge difference
    - ii. Incandescent vs. LED
      - 1. Incandescent
        - a. Annual greenhouse gas emissions from 67 cars
        - b. Would need to grow 8,206 tree seedlings for 10 years to sequester the carbon
      - 2. LED
        - a. Annual greenhouse gas emissions from only 13 cars
        - b. Would need to grow only 1,641 tree seedlings for 10 years to sequester the carbon
  - c. Natural light: use natural light and cut two hours of overhead light use per day
    - i. Savings from switching from 8 hours a day to 6 hours a day of overhead light use
      - 1. Annual greenhouse gas emissions from 83 cars
      - 2. Do not need 10,212 tree seedlings to grow for 10 years
  - d. Energy Star: use Energy Star rated TVs
    - i. Savings from using an Energy Star rated TV (vs. standard) for 3 hours a day
      - 1. Annual greenhouse gas emissions from 27 cars
      - 2. Do not need 3,419 tree seedlings to grow for 10 years

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