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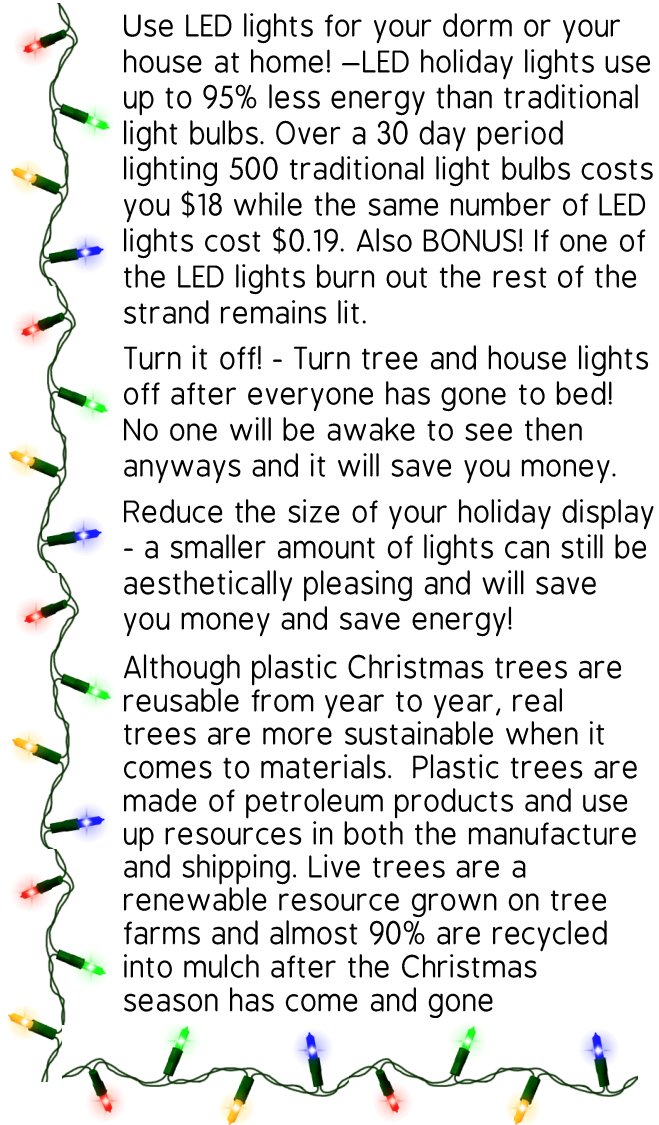
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Lessening Your Holiday Impact



Use LED lights for your dorm or your house at home! –LED holiday lights use up to 95% less energy than traditional light bulbs. Over a 30 day period lighting 500 traditional light bulbs costs you \$18 while the same number of LED lights cost \$0.19. Also BONUS! If one of the LED lights burn out the rest of the strand remains lit.

Turn it off! - Turn tree and house lights off after everyone has gone to bed! No one will be awake to see them anyways and it will save you money.

Reduce the size of your holiday display - a smaller amount of lights can still be aesthetically pleasing and will save you money and save energy!

Although plastic Christmas trees are reusable from year to year, real trees are more sustainable when it comes to materials. Plastic trees are made of petroleum products and use up resources in both the manufacture and shipping. Live trees are a renewable resource grown on tree farms and almost 90% are recycled into mulch after the Christmas season has come and gone

Before you go...



Energy-conserving decisions and behaviors are key elements of the Ithaca College Climate Action Plan. We are asking for help from you, the campus community, in conserving energy and water. Please take responsibility for the area in which you work and make sure to do the following actions when leaving for the holiday break:

- Turn off all lights in your office or any shared area (such as conference rooms, break rooms, restrooms, and classrooms).
- Turn off your computer, monitor, and audio speakers. If these are all plugged into a power strip, switch off the power strip as well.
- Shutdown office equipment and unplug power cords from the outlets (faxes, printers, coffee makers, etc.)
- Close laboratory fume hoods and shut down non-essential lab equipment.
- Close windows and shut internal and external doors.
- Make sure water taps are off and not dripping.
- For more tips on reducing energy consumption visit: <http://www.ithaca.edu/rempe/reduce/reduceenergy/>



Reduce & Reuse

- Each year, 50 million Christmas trees are purchased in the U.S. Of those, about 30 million go to the landfill. And added to this is the carbon cost in transporting all these trees to the landfill. Much of the environmental costs associated with the holidays can be reduced by simple awareness and some pre-planning.
- Recycle old electronics: New flat-screen computer monitors, laptops, cameras, cell phones and other electronic items are common holiday gifts. Older models which are being replaced are usually still in working order, however, and should not be discarded to a landfill.
- Reuse or recycle gift packing materials: Bubble wrap can be stored for reuse, or recycled. Foam packing chips are not as easily recycled; if you don't want to store this material for reuse, take it to a shipping center like Mailboxes. etc, who will accept it for their own use. Cardboard boxes should be opened flat and set out for recycling



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