

We don't have a plan yet, but I would like to set up a "green routine" on campus, including:

- Bookstore only selling "green books" made of 30% recycled paper.
- Compostible paper or bagasse serving products used by food service
 - http://www.foodservicewarehouse.com/disposable-plates-biodegradablecompostable-bagasse/c5484_6050-2664_6051-2675.aspx
 - <http://www.worldcentric.org/biocompostables/plates/>
 - Bagasse
World Centric biodegradable and compostable plates are made from 100% bagasse, which is the sugarcane fiber remaining after extraction of juice from sugarcane. Sugarcane is not only an annually renewable resource, but it can be turned into products normally made from plastic or paper. Using bagasse also avoids the pollution that would normally happen as a result of burning sugarcane pulp after juice extraction.

Our biodegradable plates are soak proof, have no plastic or wax lining, and can be used for both hot and cold items. Though these compostable plates are soak proof, hot items will cause the plates to "perspire" and some condensation will form at the bottom.

We now also offer "unbleached" bagasse plates - in natural light brown color. Bleaching is usually unnecessary, creates pollution, and is mostly done using chlorine or chlorine compounds, which release "dioxins" - persistent organic pollutants which do not break down easily and accumulate in the food stream. We are moving towards only carrying "unbleached" bagasse items as they become available to us.

Instead of using petroleum based plastics which create toxicity and environmental pollution, you can now use our compostable alternatives.

- Composting and recycling programs (print cartridges, batteries, aluminum, plastic)
 - https://h30248.www3.hp.com/recycle/supplies/index.asp?_cc=us&jumpid=ex_r11400_us/en//IPG/_ps_g_recyclehpinkcartridges/InkCartridgeRecyclePhrase&s_kwcid=TC|17992|recycle%20HP%20ink%20cartridges||S|b|6181546813 Staples (possible print cartridge recycling)
 - Home Depot (possible battery recycling)

- Parking /transportation plan
 - <http://staff.rice.edu/staff/Parking1.asp>
 - **Carpool Service** The Rice Transportation Department maintains a [carpool list](#) to enable employees to identify potential carpoolers. Rice also participates in the [NuRide](#) online ride-sharing community
 - **Zip Car Program** On-demand rental cars are located on campus and available for short-notice hourly rental by Rice students and employees.
 - **Shuttle Service** Free air-conditioned university shuttle buses serve the Rice campus, Texas Medical Center, area shopping destinations
 - http://www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/Roadside/Trees_Parking.pdf

- Community Garden and Landscaping program
 - <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/>
 - <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

- Create product comparisons/labels that show environmental damage of products
 - <http://www.carbon-label.com/>
 - http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/admin/mt-search.cgi?tag=Amazon%20Kindle&blog_id=61

- Awareness campaign to get community to change some habits.
 - <http://www.globalinheritance.org/about-us/>
 - <http://www.ecoliteracy.org/teach>

- **What do other Colleges Do? The Green Honor Roll**
 - <http://www.princetonreview.com/green-honor-roll.aspx>

- **Criteria for The Princeton Review Green Rating of Colleges**
- The Princeton Review tallied the Green Rating scores based on institutional data it obtained from the colleges during the 2009-2010 academic year in response to ten survey questions that asked:
 - 1) The percentage of food expenditures that goes toward local, organic or otherwise environmentally preferable food

 - 2) Whether the school offers programs including free bus passes, universal access transit passes, bike sharing/renting, car sharing, carpool parking, vanpooling or guaranteed rides home to encourage alternatives to single-passenger automobile use for students

 - 3) Whether the school has a formal committee with participation from students that is devoted to advancing sustainability on campus

- 4) Whether new buildings are required to be LEED (environmental certification of equipment/appliances) Silver certified or comparable
- 5) The school's overall waste diversion rate
- 6) Whether the school has an environmental studies major, minor or concentration
- 7) Whether the school has an "environmental literacy" requirement
- 8) Whether the school has produced a publicly available greenhouse gas emissions inventory and adopted a climate action plan consistent with 80 percent greenhouse gas reductions by 2050 targets
- 9) What percentage of the school's energy consumption, including heating/cooling and electrical, is derived from renewable sources (this definition included "green tags" but not nuclear or large-scale hydropower)
- 10) Whether the school employs a dedicated full-time (or full-time equivalent) sustainability officer.
 - <http://bates.edu/x217211.xml>
 - <http://www.bates.edu/food.xml>

Buildings

<http://www.makeyourbuildingswork.com/make-your-building-work/reduce-carbon-emissions/?gclid=CJrCysivzqQCFQYHbAodZ26o1w>