



Day 22-Greener

Electricity



Classrooms & Other Buildings:

Many buildings on campus do not have automatic lights. Classrooms, laboratories, and other spaces on campus are kept running even if no one is using the building (at weird hours of the day I would see lights on in a lot of campus buildings that are unused). Automatic lights or some kind of remote way to turn off buildings that are not in use would drastically cut energy consumption.

Dormitories:

Students often keep their heaters and power strips on the entire time. The heaters in the dormitory are very old, so the signage on them is not very clear. Students don't pay directly for electricity costs while living on-campus and do not think that power strips or lights on plays a large difference in reducing energy consumption. We need to have better signage or encourage students to be more active in reducing energy use by hosting a competition between residential colleges.

Dining

Food waste in the dining halls is another problem at Yale. We should have smaller plates so that students do not take as much food. The placement of dessert should also be changed so that it does not feel like something that students can grab on their way out. Changing the layout of the dining hall can encourage students to pick more healthier options like a salad. Students can use mugs instead of bowls when they are not as hungry. Lastly, a clear compost/food waste bin should be placed in every dining hall so that students have a visual representation of what they throw away each meal (currently, the bins are not transparent).



Waste

Yale needs to divert more of its waste. In 2017, Yale achieved a 42% diversion rate. There is a lot of waste on campus during events. For example, at our Fall Fest last week, they were giving out food samples in small containers and giving out utensils at every stand. We need to encourage students to bring their own container or utensil (or at least reuse whatever they get from the event).

