

Efficiency and Sustainability

Environmental Health and Safety embraces the principles of sustainability and efficiency. We look for opportunities to support these values and have made the following changes in our buildings during the past two years at 916 22nd Street and 2111 Terrace Avenue:

Efficiency

1. Energy efficiency
 - a. Installed programmable thermostats
 - b. Turn off lights when not in room
 - c. Turn off power strip at the end of the day
 - d. Turn off computers at the end of the day
 - e. Wrapped water heaters with jacket
 - f. Lower water heater temperatures
 - g. Replaced incandescent bulbs with CFL
 - h. Install weather stripping along exterior doors
 - i. Turn off lights to the extent feasible during daylight hours
 - j. Follow the UT energy conservation policy – lower thermostats in the winter and raise in the summer
 - k. Provided training for staff on the energy conservation policy
 - l. Unplugged unnecessary equipment
 - m. Installed outside lights on motion detectors with CFL bulbs
 - n. Closed off unoccupied rooms that don't require heating or cooling
 - o. Walk to locations on campus as opposed to driving when possible
 - p. Sharing rides and carpooling
2. Hazardous chemical recycling
3. Print 2-sided copies
4. Recycle paper, cans and bottles
5. Eliminate the department cell phone
6. Turn off un-used phone lines

Future Program Initiatives

- A. Going paperless – to the extent feasible