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10 Things KDP Members Can Do to Green Their Campuses

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Carry and use reusable bags.

Not only great for grocery shopping, bags are perfect for carrying classroom supplies. Some fold up into a tiny little pouch, leaving plenty of room in your backpack for the necessities. Pick up free bags at events.

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Break the disposable beverage container habit.

Stop buying bottled water. Instead, carry a good quality reusable bottle to refill as needed—you will reduce plastic waste and save money. Also, think about that morning “jo.” Coffee cups are among the most common single-use products in the world. Carry a travel cup and you’ll never throw away another disposable cup again.

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Recycle.

You know this one. And your school should already be recycling. If not, launch a recycling effort. If so, find out what can be recycled, then sort your waste to reduce your contributions to the waste stream. Unsorted or intermingled waste means items normally recycled end up in the landfill or incinerated.

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Leave the car at home.

You already know that automobile emissions pollute. Offset your emissions through travel by bicycle, bus, or foot. Or carpool with a friend.

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Change the light bulbs.

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) or LED bulbs provide higher-quality light, and they use less electricity. A win for the environment and your wallet.

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If you must print ... print double-sided.

And when you’re finished, recycle the paper. Consider avoiding having to print at all.

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Read used, borrowed, or digitized textbooks.

You earn a double sustainability bonus if you buy a used textbook that was produced with post-consumer waste. If you must buy a new textbook, take care of it so that it can be reused by someone else. Or save money by checking out your book from the library. eBooks are increasingly available and cost less than new books.

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Eat within your foodshed. Find out how far your food traveled to your plate.

A foodshed (analogous to a watershed) is a geographic region where food is produced. The foodshed of the average grocery store is the entire planet. A foodshed describes how food flows: from production to consumption, including from where it’s grown, and then the route traveled to the markets it passes through to arrive on your table. That means a carrot raised just outside your city, in your foodshed, is more ecofriendly than a carrot produced thousands of miles away. Check to see whether your campus has a local food initiative!

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Read *Educating for Sustainability*. Learn how to incorporate sustainability into your teaching.

Written by Victor Nolet, *Educating for Sustainability* presents fundamental principles, theoretical foundations, and practical suggestions for integrating education for sustainability into your classroom and school.

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Check out KDP’s resources on education for sustainability.

Resources include www.kdp.org/resources/futureofeducation.php, and the sustainability column in the *New Teacher Advocate*. Search the KDP store for reusable drinkware and reusable bags.

Join KDP in creating a sustainable future!

