

Welcome to the UW-Green Bay community - we look forward to seeing your student on campus soon! UW-Green Bay's history includes a strong commitment to the environment and sustainability. In fact, it's part of our University's mission statement! As you get ready to move your student to campus this fall, you can help keep UW-Green Bay 'green' by considering the following options.

Alternative Transportation Options

Commuting and car usage contributes significantly to our carbon 'footprint' - not to mention the cost of maintaining a car, paying for gas (ouch!) and parking fees. Some good options are available to help your student get around without bringing a car to campus!



This is a private ride-share/carpooling social network that allows students to post the need for, or, availability of a ride. This can be a one-time ride, say a trip home from campus for the weekend, or it can be a search for a regular car-pool partner for days they need to be on campus for classes. It's free to students - all they need to do is register with their UWGB e-mail address. You can learn more and see a short video on the program at <http://zimride.uwgb.edu> and your student can create an account - did we mention it connects easily with their Facebook account?



U-Pass

If you live in the area covered by the Green Bay Metro, students ride the bus for free with their UWGB ID card! It's easy and gets your student from home to campus in an environmentally friendly and safe way.



Ride a Bike

Bike racks are available across campus. Biking is an easy, healthy and quick way to get around campus. Don't forget a helmet and bike lock.

Reusables

An important way to reduce the amount of waste generated as well as natural resource consumption is to move away from single use items to items that can be used many times. Here are some suggestions.

Eco-clamshell - these to-go containers are available in the Cloud Commons for \$6.29. Your student can pick up a meal to-go and either clean the container themselves or return to the Commons dishwashing line and pick up a clean eco-clamshell for the next to-go meal they need.



Reusable water bottle - this can be used at the 'hydration station' in the Union, or at any water fountain on campus. Saves lots of money and is better for the environment than purchasing bottled water. Make sure any bottle you use is BPA-free.



Reusable mug - all 16 oz. and 20 oz. beverage mugs the user brings for a fill-up are eligible for up to a 25% discount or a purchase price of \$1.09, depending on purchase location and beverage choice. Yes, that means the double espresso, no foam, skinny vanilla latte at 25% off. Such a deal!

Reusable bags - good for hauling just about anything that won't fit in a backpack. Great for use at the Corner Store when buying groceries! Bring them from home or they are available for purchase at the Corner Store.

Questions? Send an E-mail to sustainability@uwgb.edu

Living on Campus...or Off!

There are many choices and decisions to be made when gathering together items for daily living either on campus or off. Here are some ideas to think about to increase sustainability and decrease environmental impact.

- ❖ Energy Star appliances - bringing a mini-fridge to campus? If purchasing new, opt for an Energy Star rated fridge.
- ❖ Bring CFL or LED light bulbs for all lamps.
- ❖ Green cleaning supplies - for dishwashing, general purpose, bathroom and laundry cleaning there are many new, less toxic and more environmentally friendly products now available.
- ❖ Sheets, towels, blankets - items made from organic cotton have less environmental impact, but are pricey. Watch for sales and do some internet sleuthing for finds on these items.
- ❖ Other "stuff" - buying used saves money and lessens the environmental impact of the product by extending its useful life. Check out Freecycle, Craigslist and local Goodwill or thrift stores for the perfect items for the room or the clothing closet.

