



CORNELL WINTER ENERGY SHUTDOWN

December 22nd 2018 – January 2nd 2019

Hello Cornell Community,

Our winter break allows us to “power down” for rest, reflection, and renewal, and gives our hard-working campus a time to save energy, too!

Join us in *Winter Energy Shutdown*, an annual energy conservation effort, by taking a few key actions before you leave:

- Switch off lights
- Unplug all electronics (many draw electricity even when off)
- Turn off power strips
- Close all exterior doors
- Close all windows and shut the shades/curtains
- Check thermostat, and if easily adjustable, turn down to 64F (but not off)
- Shutdown non-essential equipment (*e.g. printers, freezers, growth chambers, etc.*)
- Close fume hood sashes (*one of the greatest energy consumers on campus*)
- [Report facilities issues](#) (*e.g. leaky faucets, broken windows, overly hot/cold rooms*)
- Share these steps on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

Colleges and units directly benefit from avoided energy costs, so powering down makes an impact on your college/unit while improving overall campus sustainability. Last year, we saved 1.5 million kWh of electricity and \$115,000 during the shutdown, equivalent to eliminating the energy use of 115 homes *for an entire year*. Your actions make a difference!

And just imagine the social, economic, environmental, and academic benefits that are possible when we engage in sustainable behavior year-round. We will save the campus \$1.4 million and over 3,500 tons of carbon through major energy upgrade projects completed this year, and Cornell is once again the [#1 Ivy for sustainability in the nation](#) because of your efforts.

Check your building’s energy performance on the redesigned [Big Red Energy Scoreboard](#), or learn more about campus sustainability at sustainablecampus.cornell.edu. If you have questions about the shutdown please reach out to fcsrequests@cornell.edu

Thank you for your continued efforts to save energy, reduce carbon emissions, and adopt sustainable practices. We can’t do it without you!

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