

The POWER Challenge puts all UT dorms against each other to see who can help reduce the campus's environmental impact!

May the best dorm win!

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POWER Challenge Brochure

Programs of Water, Energy and Recycling
Office of Sustainability



A UT tradition since 2005, the Make Orange Green POWER Challenge is a way for the UT community to demonstrate its commitment to reducing the university's environmental impact.



Point Breakdown

- Residence Hall Program: 60 points plus 5 point for each 5% population increase. At least 5% must attend to count
- Floor Program: 30 points plus 5 points for each 5% population increase. At least 5% must attend to count
- Door Decoration: 30 points, can only be awarded once
- Bulletin Boards: 15 points, 60 point maximum. Can make a total of 4 (1 per week)
- Educational flyers: 10 points per flyer
- Environmental Pledges: 3 points per pledge
- Service Projects: 2 points per half hour of service
- Social Media: 1 point per follow
- Water, energy, and recycling: halls will be ranked 1-10, and assigned points 10-100 accordingly

Last Year's Results:

	1. CARRICK 3103 pts	6. BROWN 1092 pts	FINAL RANKINGS
	2. MASSEY 2718 pts	7. MORRILL 690 pts	
	3. CLEMENT 2314 pts	7. VOLUNTEER 690 pts	
	4. O & W 1204 pts	9. LAUREL 660 pts	
	5. HESS 1124 pts	10. REESE 640 pts	

Tips: Ways to reduce water, energy, and waste

Water:

- Cut shower time
- Turn off water when brushing your teeth and shaving
- Only do laundry when you have a full load and use cold water
- Stop drinking bottled water
- Report leaking things
- Only use dishwasher when full

Energy

- Power down/unplug electronics when not in use
- Turn off lights, take advantage of natural daylight
- Take the stairs
- Minimize use of hot water
- Try not to use the dryer, invest in drying rack
- Report drafty windows, broken doors and other energy wasting items

Waste

- First Reduce: only take food you're going to eat, don't buy anything unless you really need it
- Then Reuse: take advantage of the Mug Project, reuse containers
- The Recycle: if you can't reuse it, make sure it is being recycled in the correct bin, all are located in dorms, and cardboard is located outside

General Tips

- Look up environmental related documentary's on Netflix
- Take advantage of the Mug Project, which will save you money and the school resources!
- Take the bus and ride your bike to get around, rather than driving
- Talk with your RA if you have any ideas or further questions

Get More Involved:

Want to learn more about Sustainability on campus? Check out these environmental related clubs!

- Hydrolunteers
- E&S Committee
- Forestry Club (SAF)
- Sustainability Club
- SPEAK
- Food Recovery Network (FRN)
- EcoVols
- Society for Ecological Restoration (SER)

And many more!

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