CLIMATE & ENERGY

**What steps does Hopkins need to take to reach its goal (51% emissions reductions by 2025)?**
As the Hopkins Community, we must each do our part. Learn more at the Take Action section on the Office of Sustainability’s website or visit the “5 ways you can be eco-smart” article for simple strategies to reduce your environmental footprint. In addition, the Office of Sustainability is helping to implement energy efficiency retrofits throughout its campuses, while also investing more in renewable energy projects. was harvested, mined or drilled out of the ground.

**What energy and water conservation strategies does Hopkins use in its buildings?**
JHU has upgraded many of its HVAC systems, replaced several lighting fixtures with LED bulbs, and installed solar panels on the roofs of multiple buildings. Water efficiency and conservation retrofits like low-flow faucets and rainwater collection systems have also been installed throughout JHU’s campuses. More information on energy and water conservation strategies can be found on the Energy and Water sections on the Office of Sustainability’s website.

**How does JHU define sustainability?**
JHU sees sustainability as a common vision that helps guide decision making and acts as a framework for building solid strateiges that produce long-ranging benefits. Most importantly, sustainability is about people - people in the Hopkins community are the core of JHU sustainability, and they are the key to success.

LANDSCAPING

**Why are pesticides used on Hopkins’ grounds?**
Property Management/Grounds Management has a strict Integrated Pest Management program in which only pesticides approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can be and are used in targeted applications.

RECYCLING & WASTE

**What can I recycle?**
Recyclable items vary by campus. To determine what can and cannot be recycled on your campus, please visit the Campuses & Contacts section on the Office of Sustainability’s website.
My office uses a Keurig. Are there more sustainable options?
With the switch to Amazon Business and AJ Stationers, Hopkins promotes and incentivizes purchasing Green Mountain K-cups. With each Amazon Business Keurig delivered, recipients will also receive Green Mountain shipping boxes and postage to collect Green Mountain K-Cups and mail them into their recycling program in which grounds will be composted and the pods will be recycled. We’re also looking into fully compostable pods for the future. There’s nowhere to send their material or couldn’t make any more to justify the sorting all of the material.

Recycling and trash are collected in the same cart. How do I know they are separated?
You may notice that the trash, recycling and compost are collected in different colored bags. Unfortunately, the custodial carts do not have three separate compartments so the custodians will put the bags in the same cart and later separate them when they put them outside of the building for pick up and distribution to the appropriate dumpster.

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Can JHU ban bottled water?
JHU is currently looking into banning bottled water. However, for the time being, the community is encouraged to bring reusable bottles and fill them at bottle-filling stations throughout Hopkins’ campuses.

Can JHU get cigarette butt and/or Styrofoam recycling on campus?
Cigarette butt recycling is not and will not be available at JHU. We would prefer to promote a smoke-free campus. Styrofoam recycling is available on the Homewood campus by submitting a recycling request form. Please collect at least one clear bag’s worth before submitting, and only white #6 is accepted.

What is JHU’s stance on divestment?
Thanks to efforts from Homewood Students in Refuel ourFuture, JHU recently opted to divest from Thermal Coal. To gain further insight, it may be helpful to reach out to Jeffrey Kahn, Chair of the Public Interest Investment Advisory Committee.

FACILITIES

My building/office is too hot/cold. How do I fix this?
JHU Facilities are set to ASHRAE standard temperatures to try to meet the comfort of as many occupants as possible. However, if you think there is an equipment malfunction, please submit a maintenance request to your facilities department.

What should I do if my building experiences water leaks?
Please report any building leaks to Facilities on your campus.
Where are showers for bicycle commuters?
Showers for bicycle commuters can be found in the recreation center on your campus.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Can someone from JHU Sustainability present at our staff meeting?
JHU Sustainability staff members are happy to speak at staff meetings, and requests be made through our Google Form.

How can I join Green Teams?
While part of one network through JHU’s Office of Sustainability, there are several Green Teams based on location. If there is already a Green Team where you work, you can join their efforts. If not, consider rallying your colleagues and starting your own team. You are also encouraged to join the Green Teams listserv to receive updates and invites to Green Team events.

Can I intern at the Office of Sustainability?
Yes, internships are offered to students during the fall and spring semesters. For more information on internship availability, please visit the website.

EXTERNAL CONTACTS

Our catering company is interested in being added to the Preferred Green Caterers list. How do we go about this?
JHU Preferred Green Caterers have all taken steps to improve the environmental sustainability of their offerings like eliminating Styrofoam, offering plentiful vegetarian options, the ability to provide beverages in bulk, and providing compostable service-ware for no additional charge. The next steps include completing a form and answering the questions honestly in order to assist Homewood Recycling in determining if you qualify to be included in the Preferred Green Caterers Directory.

How can my organization learn more information about HopkinsLocal efforts?
While the Office of Sustainability certainly has an interest in sourcing locally, HopkinsLocal is not managed by our office. To enter into the conversation, please email hopkinslocal@jhu.edu.

For more answers to questions not included here, please reach out to us at sustainability@jhu.edu!