Top 10 Sustainability Things to Know at Union
Brought to you by U-Sustain, Union College’s Sustainability Committee

1. We have excellent tap water!
   No need for cases of bottled water - just fill up at the tap :)

2. Union Recycles
   Recycling bins can be found on each floor of a Union College building. We sort plastic, metal & glass containers separate from paper products. In addition, electronic waste (wires, batteries, light bulbs, etc…) can be recycled at the Facilities Services building and plastic bags (aka film plastic) can be recycled in Reamer Campus Center outside of the Convenience store.

3. Union is bike & board friendly campus.
   U-Locks and helmets, as well as a key to the Bike & Board Repair Shop, can be checked out at the Circulation Desk of Schaffer library. (The Bike & Board Repair Shop is located in the basement of Beuth House).

4. We have a student run lunch spot - don’t miss Ozone Cafe!
   On Friday’s have lunch at Ozone Cafe in Old Chapel between 12 & 130pm. The delicious local, organic, vegetarian meal is prepared by Dining Services and served to you by Union College students. Try it out - it’s only a meal swipe!

5. We Compost (& you will too!)
   To reduce material sent to the landfill, food waste composting began in our Dining Halls in 2012. Our program has expanded to Upper Class Dining, West Dining, Hale House, Rathskellar & Dutch Hollow. Once you’ve finished with your meal - be prepared to sort what’s left on your plate. Rule of Thumb: All food waste & paper goods are compostable.

6. We have an organic garden - Octopus’s Garden!
   In 2008, faculty, staff and students started an organic garden on the south side of campus between Wells and McKean houses. Produce harvested goes to Ozone Cafe and to a local shelter in Schenectady. It continues to be maintained by campus volunteers - come get your hands dirty! Sign up at Club Expo or look out for campus emails - All are welcome.

7. Union College is committed to Sustainability & Carbon Neutrality.
   Union College is a signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment and have committed to carbon neutrality by 2060. As of 2014 we have reduced our carbon footprint by 17% relative to our 2008 baseline.
8. Grants are available!
   If you have an idea to promote sustainability awareness or reduce our carbon footprint - consider applying for a Presidential Green Grant (up to $2,000) or The Union College Green Fee (up to $25,000). Applications are made available each fall - look out for an email announcement.

9. We Do It In the Dark.
   Here at Union we are cultivating a culture of conservation. Use what you need of course, but tread lightly! Turn off the lights when you leave the room, Wash your clothes in cold water, Hang dry rather than tumble dry, Upgrade to a CFL or LED light bulb, etc…
   Do It In the Dark is also the name of our campus wide energy competition which kicks off on 10/18- look out for an email to sign up your building!

10. There is a Farmer’s Market four short blocks away!
    Schenectady Greenmarket is our local farmer’s market held year round on Sunday’s from 10am to 2pm. From May - October it is held outside of City Hall on Jay St. From November - April it is held inside Proctor’s Theatre on State St.

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