

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RESPONSIBLE VISITOR CHARTER

HELPING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE LIVING IN LEEDS

In 2011/12, residents living in University of Leeds accommodation consumed over 6,000 kWh of energy each (equivalent to 1.7 tonnes of CO₂), and potentially produced 0.4 tonnes of waste, creating a further 0.1 tonnes of CO₂. Consequently, as a resident, we would ask that you adopt some or all of the following suggestions whilst living in your University accommodation:

- 1. Conserve energy:** Your room should have been provided with an energy saving door hanger, and your kitchen with an energy saving fridge magnet, which have several handy tips on saving energy during your stay in University accommodation. Further advice on saving energy in your home is provided at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk.
- 2. Reduce, re-use or recycle:** Try to avoid buying overly packaged goods, and place the correct waste in one of the three waste & recycling bins provided in your kitchen/communal area, identified by the University recycled waste sticker for contents. Further advice on reducing, re-using & recycling your waste is provided at www.wrap.or.uk.
- 3. Reduce car use:** You may have brought a car with you to Leeds, but most students manage to travel between the site & Campus by other easily accessible modes of transport. Have a look at information provided in your copy of the University Travel Guide; on site information boards, or go on-line to www.leeds.ac.uk/sustainabledevelopment.
- 4. Be water wise:** Try to minimise the use of water on the site, so please help us to use water wisely: only fill kettles & pans with the water that you need; don't run showers longer than you need them; and turn off your tap when brushing your teeth. Further advice on saving water is provided at www.yorkshirewater.com/save-water-and-money.
- 5. Fair Trade & food miles:** The University of Leeds is a Fair Trade University, and if you're looking for somewhere to eat, feel free to visit The Refectory on Campus. The Refectory offers a wide range of food options, and the 'Top Ten' food suppliers are all located in the Yorkshire & Humber Region, or on the M62 Corridor, with an emphasis on reducing 'Food Miles', wherever possible.
- 6. Support Yorkshire Wildlife Trust:** The University of Leeds is a corporate member of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which owns or manages over 95 of Yorkshire's best places for people to visit and observe wildlife. Access is free to most YWT reserves, and you may want to apply for membership and/or further details on local reserves at www.ywt.org.uk.
- 7. Support Green Tourism Businesses:** Hundreds of businesses seek to reduce their environmental impact through joining the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Charles Morris Hall has been awarded the Gold Standard under this scheme, and other sites will undergo assessment & accreditation in future years. If you would like to support this concept further, then please go to www.green-business.co.uk.

Above all, we hope that you enjoy your time at Leeds, but please help us to reduce our combined impact on the environment.