

# Green Life Certification Application

What is it?

This program recognizes students that are living at Loyola in a sustainable way. From the activities you participate in, to the materials in your room, to your academics, you have an impact and it is up to you to decide if it is going to harm the planet or support your local community.

You may view the commitments that will be outlined in this form here: [LINK PENDING](#).

What do I get?

Upon completion of commitments to sustainability categories, the resident will receive a certificate plaque to display on their door. To meet minimum standards, applicants must have at least one item marked yes in each category. The number of commitments toward a sustainable life correlates to a level of sustainability:

Bronze: 10-24 points overall

Silver: 25-39 points overall

Gold: 40+ points overall

Note:

If you receive a certification within a given school year, it is assigned to the resident of the room for the entire year. Residents must apply each year for certification.

Each resident of a room is encouraged to complete the application for certification.

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

## Optional

Although it is not required, you may be interested to know your impact. Determine your footprint using one of these online tools:

Global Footprint Network  
Ecological Footprint  
Conservation International  
The Nature Conservancy

## Applicant Information

Name [Required]

LUC ID # [Required]

Residence Hall [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.
- must select a value.

- Baumhart Hall
- Bellarmine Hall
- Campion Hall
- de Nobili Hall
- Fairfield Hall
- Fordham Hall
- Georgetown Hall
- International House
- Le Moyne Hall
- Marquette Hall
- Marquette South Hall
- Mertz Hall
- Messina Hall
- Regis Hall
- San Francisco Hall
- Santa Clara Hall
- Seattle Hall
- Simpson Hall
- Spring Hill Hall
- The Sovereign
- Xavier Hall
- I live off campus

Room Number [Required]  
Live off campus? Enter N/A.

Year [Required]  
Ex: First Year, Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year, Graduate Student, etc.

Academic Program (if declared) [Required]

## Waste

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Have a container/bin in your room for recycling paper, metal, glass and plastic (to actively recycle) [Required]

What can I recycle?

<http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/initiatives/recycling/what-can-i-recycle/index.shtml>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have a container for recycling other materials (electronics, batteries, toner cartridges, other) (to actively recycle) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have a container for composting organic materials in your room or on your floor (to actively compost) [Required]

Loyola Composting Site

<http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/initiatives/composting/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Participate in Think Green and Give, an end-of-the-year Move Out recycling program (to actively recycle) [Required]

<http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/initiatives/recycling/think-green-and-give/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Only use reusable bags and drink containers (to reduce waste) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Only print double-sided and have taken actions to reduce paper waste [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Reduce the amount of packaging by refusing extra bags, to-go containers, and packaging at stores/restaurants (to reduce waste) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have an upcycled or reclaimed piece of furniture in your room (to encourage creative reuse) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

## Water

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Only use reusable drink containers (to support local water resources and address global water access) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Only use reusable plates and utensils (to conserve water wasted during manufacturing) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Use green and biodegradable cleaning products (to keep chemicals out of the environment) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Limit the length of showers to under 10 minutes (to save water) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Do not shower, do laundry or any other activity that uses large amounts of water during heavy rain storms (reduces sewer overflows and flooding) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

## Energy

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Only have energy efficient bulbs, CFLs or LEDs (to conserve energy) [Required]

Residence Life uses LED/CFL/FL bulbs in residence hall rooms

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Have Energy Star appliances (TV, game system, refrigerator, computer) (to conserve energy) [Required]

<https://www.energystar.gov/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Plug appliances into a smart power strip that gets turned off when you leave the room (to conserve energy) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes
- No

Use a drying rack rather than the dryer (to conserve energy) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Only use cold water for laundry (to save energy related to water heating) [Required]

Most of the energy used to wash clothes comes from heating the water, which is why the US Department of Energy recommends that clothes be washed in cold water, using cold-water detergents when possible.

<http://energy.gov/energysaver/laundry>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Modify computer settings to sleep if idle for more than 10 minutes (to save energy) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Commit to reporting heating/cooling and laundry problems to facilities when they occur (to make energy use more efficient) [Required]

Submit a TMA:

<http://www.luc.edu/reslife/resources/maintenance/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Turn down your thermostat when you leave your room (to make energy use more efficient) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Turn down your thermostat when you leave for breaks (to save energy) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

## Landscape and Open Space

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Have a plant growing in the room (for indoor air quality) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have planted a tree, seed or plant within the last year (for improved air quality) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have participated in a nature walk or hike in a park, preserve or natural area (to connect to nature) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Have participated in ecological restoration including planting, weeding, or other activity (to connect to nature) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Can identify 10 plants or trees growing on campus (to connect to local nature) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

## Transportation

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

If able-bodied, walk or have a bike or other non-motorized vehicle on campus (to get active and reduce car trips) OR

If able-bodied, have rented a bike from ChainLinks in the last year (to get active and reduce car trips) [Required]

<http://www.chainlinksluc.com/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Does not apply

Have a CTA, PACE, Metra or RTA transit map (either paper or app) (to explore the city and reduce car trips) [Required]

a. CTA- <http://www.transitchicago.com/>

b. PACE- <https://www.pacebus.com/>

c. Metra- <https://metrarail.com/>

d. RTA- <http://www.rtachicago.org/index.php>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

If you are able-bodied, take the stairs instead of the elevator (to save energy) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Does not apply

Have replaced two or more car trips per week with walking, carpool, shuttle, public transit, non-motorized vehicle or bike (to use alternative transportation) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

## Food

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Eat meat-free 4 or more days each week [Required]

<http://ajcn.nutrition.org/content/78/3/660S.full>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

Eat at a sustainable restaurant (i.e. Engrained Café in the Institute of Environmental Sustainability, Uncommon Ground, Metropolis Coffee Company) at least once per month (to support local food) [Required]

<https://luc.campusdish.com/Locations/Engrained.aspx>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Buy local food products when you can (at least once per month) (to support local food) [Required]

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Shop at the Loyola Farmers Market or other farmers markets (to support local food) [Required]

[http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus\\_areas/farmersmarkets/](http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus_areas/farmersmarkets/)

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Have grown some of my own food and eaten it (to support local food) [Required]

[http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus\\_areas/farmersmarkets/](http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus_areas/farmersmarkets/)

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

## Campus Culture

Please note that to meet minimum standards, you must have at least one item marked YES (but more is always better!)

I plan to commit to the following:

Have attended a presentation (outside of class) on a sustainability or environmental topic (to increase knowledge and awareness) [Required]

<http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Help peers and friends take sustainability action (to increase knowledge and awareness) [Required]

[http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/get-involved/student\\_act/](http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/get-involved/student_act/)

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Participate in a sustainability committee or student group on campus (to increase knowledge and awareness) [Required]

[http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/get-involved/student\\_act/student-groups/](http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/get-involved/student_act/student-groups/)

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Receive the Sustainability mailing list (to increase knowledge and awareness) [Required]

<http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/>

(lower right side)

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

Follow Loyola's Office of Sustainability on Twitter or Facebook [Required]

<https://twitter.com/greenloyola>

<https://www.facebook.com/LoyolaIES>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Yes  
 No

## Success!

Congratulations! You have completed the Green Life certification. You will receive an email in the seven (7) business days letting you know the status

of your application.

By signing your digital signature below, you commit to living a sustainable life through the choices outlined in this form. Should you ever feel like you cannot perform at these levels, you promise to take down your Green Life certificate until you are able to do so once more.

Digital Signature [Required]

If you meet requirements, would you like to be listed online with other Green Life certified individuals at LUC? [Required]

<http://www.luc.edu/reslife/about/sustainability/>

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

Yes

No

## Online Listing of Names

How would you like your name to appear on the website? [Required]

<http://www.luc.edu/reslife/about/sustainability/>