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TRASH TALK

What's happening?
A Food Recovery pilot program on the first floor of Upperclass Hall began March 5th and runs until the end of the semester

Who?
Eco-Rep Dalton Bouchles, a Material Resources Specialist is implementing the pilot.

Where does all the food waste go?
All the food scraps go to Exeter Agri-Energy in Exeter, Maine to be anaerobically digested to create electricity and fertilizer.

What's the goal?
To collect enough data to assess the feasibility of expanding this program to other residence halls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Electronic Waste Recycle Day**
April 14th, 9am-1pm
USM Portland Campus
Woodbury Campus Center
- **Great Maine Bike Swap**
April 22nd, 10am-1pm
USM Portland Campus
Sullivan Gym

GREEN CLEANING

- **What's Happening?**
USM's Eco-Rep Environmental Health Specialty implemented a green cleaning program in Philippi Hall on March 19th.
- **How Will It Work?**
Residents on 2nd Floor Philippi Hall were provided with homemade cleaning products to use in their dorms that contain less chemicals than the average cleaner.
- **What's the Purpose?**
The members of the specialty state students should have a cleaner available to them that is better for their health and the environment. Some of the ingredients include vinegar, washing soda, and essential oils. If successful, they may consider expanding the pilot.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP

People often overlook the amount of energy it really takes for water to come out of the tap. Here are a few ways to limit water usage in the dorms:

- ~Turn off the water when not in use
- ~Use cold water to wash hands
- ~Reduce shower time and water temperature

Best of all, these daily actions are all free of charge!



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