

ECO-NEWS

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GREENING YOUR LAUNDRY

Environmental Health Eco-Reps are gearing up to launch a pilot program in Upton Hastings laundry room that will provide students with homemade, less toxic, and bulk laundry detergent for free over a period of two weeks. Eco-reps surveyed students in the fall about their laundry habits and during the two week pilot will be both observing and talking to students about their use of the new product that will be provided. The laundry detergent will be made from just three ingredients-borax, washing soda, and unscented castille soap.

BUS RIDERSHIP

During the beginning of the Spring semester, the Energy and Climate Eco Reps will be launching a campaign to encourage bus ridership on the Husky and other METRO lines.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY WITH ENERGY SAVINGS

From Nov.28th-Dec.1st, Eco-Reps teamed up with our AmeriCorps team to help build window inserts partnering with Window Dressers and Allagash Brewing Company. These window inserts not only provide a cost savings to families but have an energy reduction of 1 gallon of fuel a year for every square foot of an insert! 270 windows inserts were built and our Americorps team is in the processing of delivering them to 20 deserving families.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28th-February 1st

Sustainable Food Solutions Week

Monday, 7pm-Maine Farmland Trust

Film Screening in Lower Brooks

Friday, 10am-1pm-Volunteer at Food Bank

-Food Drive all week-

More events to come!

USM FREE STORE

Re-opened this semester in Lower Brooks. Check our website or social media pages for Spring semester hours.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



Contact USM's Sustainability Education & Outreach Coordinator for more information on becoming an Eco-Rep!

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SUSTAINABILITY TIP

Check the air pressure in your tires! As the seasonal air temperatures drop, our tires lose pressure. Proper inflation can save 3 to 5% in gas mileage, tire treads will last much longer at the recommended pressure, the vehicle will perform better, and you will save money on gasoline and tire replacements.