

UM Sustainability Pledge – Facts about your commitments

I pledge to support UM's sustainability goals and initiatives. I commit to reducing my own environmental impact and supporting my community in these ways:

WATER

- Carry a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water
 - Bottled water costs consumers 240 to 10,000 times more per gallon than tap water, and is less likely to be ensured for purity.
- Turn off the tap when not in use
 - The average faucet uses between 2 and 3 gallons per minute! Leaving the water running for just 2 minutes every day would waste up to 2190 gallons of water each year.
- Shorten showers
 - A standard shower head uses about 5-7 gallons of water per minute (gpm)—so even a 5-minute shower can consume 35 gallons! Better yet, install a low-flow showerhead, which use 1.5-2.5 gpm—it's an easy way to cut your water use by 50-80%!

Learn more about bottled water and about water waste at:

- NRDC - [Bottled Water, Pure Drink or Pure Hype?](#)
- [Take Back the Tap](#)