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According to the [Univeristy of Stanford](#), students returning to the college will be participating in a new energy conservation program. The new program will offer 7,000 compact florescent lamps (CFLs) to students for use in their desk lamps. An e-mail was sent to returning students asking them to bring lamps that use a standard screw-in bulb.

This program is being funded by state utility ratepayers under the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission. The program is being coordinated with the cooperation of [the Office](#) of Residential Education, the Sierra Club, Resource Solutions Group, Students for a Sustainable Stanford and other Stanford affiliates.

Half Moon Bay-based Resource Solutions Group's Campus [Housing](#) Efficiency Solutions Program is providing 2,000 free CFLs.

The Students for a Sustainable Stanford will be providing volunteer members to verify that the CFLs are installed. This is a condition of the CHES Program CFL installation project agreement with Stanford. In addition, Student [Housing](#) will provide a free ice cream party to the first residence hall that has 100 percent freshman cooperation.

The CFL program is a part of Stanford's Student Housing's Living Green program. This program is designed to encourage students to use water and energy more efficiently in order to recycle and reduce waste. As well as me sustainable choices when shopping or eating. Rodger Whitney, the executive director of Student [Housing](#) and chief [housing](#) officer, says that the Living Green program's goal is to make sustainability an integral part of the daily lives of students.

Based on Energy Star metrics, the Student [Housing](#) administrators believe that the switch to CFLs could make a big difference in energy conservation. Currently, Student [Housing](#) uses CFLs in hallways and ceiling lights in student rooms.

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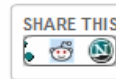
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Some of the Student's For A Sustainable Stanford's (SSS) projects include projects for Stanford Dining such as a garden project, using low flow sprayers and exhaust hoods, organic and sustainable agriculture and a reduction in paper use. They also offer programs for parking and transportation such as a biodiesel program and fuel efficiency rebates.

In addition, they have a capital improvement program which provides [recycling](#) bins, biodegradeables, row [house](#) compositing and a green building. They also have a Climate Change Campaign which works with Stanford students and administration to promote behavioral change and education regarding the environment. The SSS has a Green My Apple campaign which is designed to convince Apple, Inc. to phase out the toxic substances in their computers such as carcinogenic PVC plastic (polyvinyl chloride) and brominated flame retardants (BFR's).

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