

## **UC Davis Student Housing Sustainability Commitment Statement**

The University of California's "Policy on Sustainable Practices" provides a strong framework, leadership and empowerment for the continued development of sustainable practices. The definition of sustainability is: "to meet the current population's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs", Brundtland Commission (1987). Student Housing at UC Davis is dedicated to this effort and strives to be a model program for the integration of sustainable practices. We are committed to developing and maintaining healthful educational living and working environments while fully integrating sustainable practices.

The guiding principles for this effort are:

- Institutionalize sustainable practices such as: energy efficiencies, use of renewable resources, reduction of energy use, use of recycled and recyclable products, reduction of water use, waste reduction and more.
- Use the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) rating system as a guide for new construction projects, renovation projects and on-going maintenance of facilities.
- Educate residents and staff through presentations, work group involvement, focus groups and the development of living learning environments.
- Collaborate with campus organizations such as Utilities, Solid Waste, R4 and the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.
- Integrate sustainability into departmental business practices and long term planning.
- Model sustainable practices to residents and staff.

