

University of Oregon GREEKS GO GREEN



Green Chair Packet

Welcome to UO Greeks Go Green!

UO Greeks Go Green has been growing stronger every year, and it is because of the passionate individuals in Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Oregon. Green Chairs are a vital part of this progress. The main responsibility a Green Chair is to be a contact between the chapter, UO Greeks Go Green, and other sustainability groups both on campus and in the Eugene community. Although there are a list of responsibilities that are expected of the Green Chair, part of the fun of this position is that each Green Chair can personalize the efforts beyond what the responsibilities require. The sustainability efforts should be specialized for each chapter's needs. Some examples of special projects include building vegetable gardens, bee-friendly gardens, holding reusable craft nights, and much more. The Green Chair will work with a variety of sustainability groups and Green Chairs from other chapters in an effort to increase sustainability initiatives and to share ideas. Have fun with it – there are many individuals, groups, and resources available to help in the efforts of the Green Chair.

As always, thanks for going green!



Responsibilities

- Act as the main contact between the chapter and sustainability groups
- Achieve or maintain Zero Waste Certification for the chapter
- Aid the UO Zero Waste Program in providing annual recertification during Fall Term
- Attend Green Chair meetings, or send a replacement representative
- Offer frequent updates on sustainability information during chapter meetings
- Encourage opportunities to bring guest speakers to chapter meetings
- Invite participation from members of the chapter
- Relay important information from outside groups to the chapter
- Keep chapter up-to-date on sustainability information
- Advertise sustainability-related volunteer opportunities to the chapter
- Encourage members of the chapter to “like” or “follow” UO Greeks Go Green on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Ensure the chapter receives a UO Greeks Go Green presentation during Fall Term
- Make sure the UO Greeks Go Green Coordinator has up-to-date contact information for the chapter Green Chair, and if applicable, the president, house mom, house manager, and philanthropy chair
- Inform the UO Greeks Go Green Coordinator of the dates of the chapter’s philanthropy events
- Work with philanthropy chair to ensure philanthropy events comply with Green Event Standards
- Fill out the “Green Event Form” (due 2 weeks before each philanthropy event)
- Have the chapter participate in the Spring Reusables Collection – get permission from president and (if applicable) the house mom. Inform the UO Greeks Go Green coordinator if the chapter will be participating in an alternative reusables collection plan.
- Encourage participation in the Bin-Outfitting Program if it would benefit the chapter. Work with the UO Zero Waste Program to ensure bin inventory upon annual recertification during Fall Term (the chapter must pay to replace any missing or damaged bins). Ensure that the chapter president signs the Bin-Outfitting Program contract.
- Conduct waste assessments for the chapter. Record data and inform chapter members of results.
- Send chapter highlights, accomplishments, and sustainability-related photos to the UO Greeks Go Green Coordinator (especially during the Earth Week Competition and Green Events). Accomplishments and photos may be posted on the social media pages.
- Help transition the next Green Chair for the chapter

Resources

Resources and Contacts

UO Greeks Go Green Coordinator

Nicki Zavoshy, greengreeks@uoregon.edu

- Information about UO Greeks Go Green in general
- Information about sustainability initiatives (Zero Waste Certification, \$SCORE, etc....)
- UO Greeks Go Green education presentation for chapter
- Green Chair meetings
- UO Greeks Go Green Earth Week competition

UO Zero Waste Program

Cimmeron Gillespie, zwhouses@uoregon.edu

- Conducts Zero Waste Certifications and Re-certifications
- Bin-Outfitting Program
- Can provide a variety of labels related to recycling, compost, and trash
- Spring Reusables Collection
- Green Events

\$SCORE

Kim Carson, kcarson@uoregon.edu

- Can provide assessments and materials to increase energy and water conservation within the chapter house and/or live-outs
- Provides educational material about energy and water conservation

Love Food Not Waste

Stephanie Scafa, 541-682-5652

- The City of Eugene's compost program
- Can provide any information needed about the compost system
- Training for kitchen staff
- Compost labels and posters
- Website has additional resources, including a list of businesses (including chapters) that compost

Garbage Hauler

Sanipac, (541) 736-3600

Lane Apex, 541-607-2042

- Information about compost/recycling/trash pick-ups
- Websites have some educational material and posters about recycling and compost

Green Chairs should have a copy of the Zero Waste Certification Info Packet