

# The Recycler

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## Tips on having a sustainable and low waste Valentines Day!



### Did you know?

- Balloons actually take approximately 450 years to decompose, and most of them end up in landfills.
- Glitter and small plastic decorations remain as microplastics in the environment for hundreds of years.
- 250 million stems of flowers are bought each V-Day and almost all of them end up in the landfill.



### Sustainable alternatives!

- Send an e-card or make a card from recycled paper instead of the manufactured store-bought cards.
- Don't buy pre-cut flowers but instead give a potted plant or flowers from a local shop.
- Purchase ethically made items such as fair trade chocolates and sustainably made clothing.



## Help us keep BGSU sustainable!



All Month Long  
& Recycle!

From February 2nd until March 29th BGSU is competing in the annual Campus Race to Zero Waste! Some events/media posts coming up include and **trash audit at the Union Oval, Pizza for Recycling in select residence halls, a ReStore "outfit of the week", and much more!** Follow our social media pages to stay up-to-date on the action.



February 12th  
(12-2 PM)

Join us at the campus ReStore! Our February event is on the **12th from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.** Entry is free, and make sure to bring your BGSU ID, and a reasonably sized reusable bag with you! Volunteer opportunities are available for this event as well.

Also, if you'd like to make a donation to the store, please email us at [greenbg@bgsu.edu](mailto:greenbg@bgsu.edu).



Every Friday  
(6:30 PM)

Each and every Friday night, for the rest of the school year, we will be hosting Friday night lights. This is where student volunteers go to specified buildings and ensure the lights are turned off. So far, this academic year FNL has **saved a total of 2,352.84 kilowatts and \$9,602.342!** Be a part of the fun and join us!



**All service opportunities for the ReStore, FNL, and more can be found on our BGSU serves webpage. You can use the QR code on the left to navigate there!**

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