Sustainable RA Community Building Activity Ideas!

**DYI Up-Cycle Ideas!**

- **RecyclingBins from Old Boxes**

  ![Image of upcycled bins](image1)

  **Supplies:**
  - Collect used boxes from around campus (check out mailroom and print shop)
  - Colorful paper
  - Glue sticks
  - Scissors
  - Other craft items (ribbon, buttons, glitter, etc)

  **Steps:**
  - Cut off top flaps
  - Cut out side handles
  - Glue on desired paper
  - Decorate!
  - Recycle!

- **Potted Plants out of Recycled Materials**

  ![Image of potted plants](image2)

  ![Image of recycled Starbucks cup](image3)
Supplies:
  - Used container: can (be careful of sharp edges), plastic cups, milk jugs, etc.
  - Acrylic Paint
  - Brushes
  - Paper plates (something to put paint on)
  - Extra cups for water (to wash off brushes)
  - Soil
  - Seeds (herbs are great for this, as well as flowers)
    - For non-GMO seeds check out Seed Savers

Steps:
  - Clean out container, make sure there are no sharp edges
  - Decorate the container with paint
  - Let dry
  - Fill with soil (leave about an inch of space at the top)
  - Press seeds down into the soil the directed amount
  - Water and watch it grow!

- **Up-Cycled Toilet Paper Rolls**

Supplies:
  - Paper towel or toilet paper rolls (ask custodial to collect toilet paper rolls)
  - Old magazines or photos
  - Liquid glue
  - X-acto knife (optional)
  - Scissors

Steps:
  - Mark the rolls by using a ruler and pencil to mark the width of each ring
  - Cut the tubes into rings using an X-acto knife and/or scissors.
  - Use the tube to trace a circle on the desired photo
  - Cut out the photo
  - Draw a thin bead of glue on the rim of the cardboard ring, attach the photo
  - Once dry you can attach the rings together using glue
• **Cheap ways to Transform your Old T-shirt**
  (Link)

• **More DIY Ideas**
  (Link)
Large Group Activities

- **Clothing Swap**
  - Get together with other RA’s in your building to organize a clothing swap.
  - Students drop off unwanted clothing ahead of time.
  - Reserve a room and set up clothing racks with hangers.
  - Now let the swap begin!
  - If there is anything left over consider donating it ([Impact Thrift Shop](http://www.impactthriftshop.com))

- **Campus Tour**
  - Schedule the tour at least three weeks in advance with the sustainability office ([sustainability@villanova.edu](mailto:sustainability@villanova.edu))
  - Tour will last one hour and will include information on green buildings, stormwater management, and degree program overview.

If you need help with any of these activities please contact the Sustainability Office at [sustainability@villnaova.edu](mailto:sustainability@villnaova.edu)