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Dear Tufts Environmental,

The Associated Press recently reported that the world output of carbon dioxide last year increased by the greatest amount to date. This finding that the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased by 6 percent last year indicates how, more than ever, the US needs to reduce emissions. It illustrates how poor our efforts have been to reduce greenhouse gases and slow man-made global warming. The United States is still one of the top three contributors of greenhouse gases in the world, but unlike China and India, is the only developed country with such a high rate. We have no excuse for our rampant pollution—we are not still developing. We are one of the most developed nations on the planet and need to use our technology and resources to solve the problem of greenhouse gas emissions, not exacerbate it. Many other developed countries are doing their part, and in fact the developed countries that ratified the 1997 Kyoto Protocol limiting greenhouse gases have reduced overall emissions to about 8 percent below 1990 levels. The US did not sign the protocol and did not reduce its emissions. The news about our increasing population and the drastic effects it could have on global warming may be menacing, I hope that our country will take them as a sign that we need to greatly increase our commitment to reducing our emissions. These findings point the blame directly at us, and I hope that they scare us enough to actually take action.

-Katherine

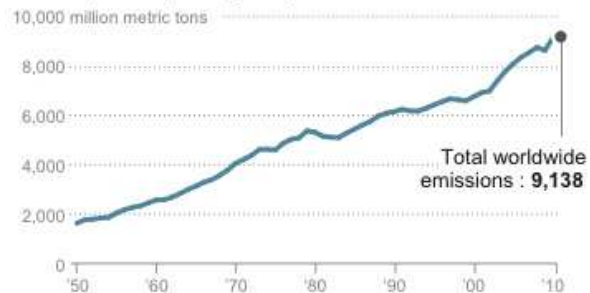
You can read the full article [here](#) and read the study [here](#).

[Tufts Eco-Reps shine at Symposium](#)

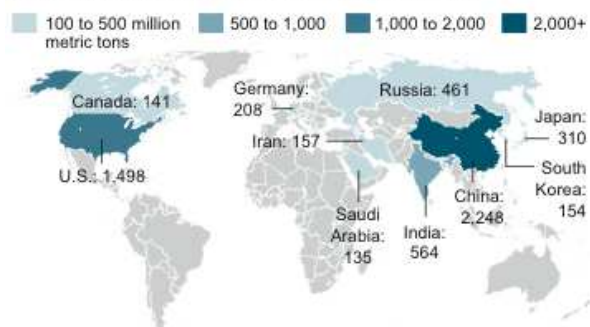
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## Greenhouse gases

Worldwide emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide soared by 6 percent in 2010, producing the highest annual net increase of carbon pollution ever. It suggests the economy was improving last year.



## Countries with the most carbon emissions in 2010



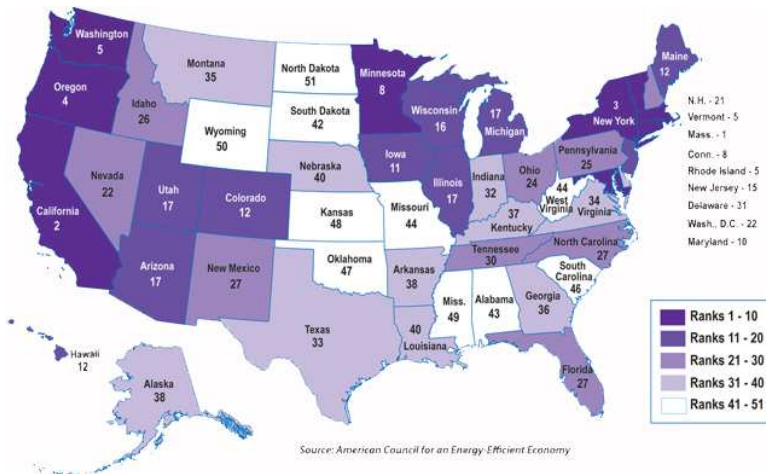
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Lab AP



Eco-Rep coordinators Jessie and Rachael give a presentation on Tufts' Eco-Rep program

At the GreenerU Eco-Rep symposium last Saturday in Babson College, the Tufts Eco-Reps had the best showing of any school with almost all the Eco-Reps present at the event. They ran the icebreaker event for the whole group, gave two presentations, and even sponsored the composting for lunch and dinner! [Read more...»](#)

## Massachusetts overtakes California as top energy efficiency state



2011 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard

"Thanks to our investments in innovation and infrastructure, Massachusetts is now leading the nation in energy efficiency," said Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in a press release announcing that the American Council for an Energy-Efficiency Economy (ACEEE) has ranked the state #1 in their 2011 Energy Scorecard.

The rankings were based on an array of metrics concerning best practices and leadership in energy efficiency policy and program implementation in the residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors. [Read more...»](#)

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## WANTED: Student reps for the President's Sustainability Council

Do you have an interest in promoting green buildings and energy efficiency? Are you interested in reducing water use on campus?

The Sustainability Council is starting up this fall at Tufts University and is looking for **graduate student representatives** for the main council and each of the three working groups (water, waste and energy/emissions).

The new groups will be comprised of one undergraduate and one graduate student each, plus a select number of faculty and staff with appropriate expertise. The council will focus on reviewing existing goals, creating new ones and developing plans for moving forward.

*If you are interested in being a student representative on one of these committees, please write a short 200 word letter of interest explaining why you are interested and what knowledge or skills you will bring to the group. Email your application to [tina.woolston@tufts.edu](mailto:tina.woolston@tufts.edu)*

## Keep chip bags and wrappers out of landfills with Terracycle

Did you know your Skittles wrapper could be reincarnated

## The Boston Tree Party Branches Out



Friedman School students revel in the apple tree they planted on the Boston campus.

With a September article in America's second-most-popular newspaper, the Boston Tree Party has sprung from sapling to force of nature, with its founder, Tufts alumna Lisa Gross, doing her best Johnny Appleseed. "In the 19th century, there were about 16,000 varieties [of apples], and today, the commercial market is dominated by only about 10," Gross told *USA Today*. [Read more...»](#)

as a cool boombox instead of hanging out in a landfill for all eternity? TerraCycle is an organization that collects non-recyclable waste and turns it into new products - from clipboards to urban art flower pots - and Tufts has joined two of TerraCycle's brigades, the Chip Bag Brigade and the Energy Bar Wrapper Brigade.

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Groove greener with the Skittles Eco-Boombox - no batteries required!

You can drop off your empty chip bags or energy at the Office of Sustainability or at Tisch Library. [More details here...»](#)

## Upcoming Events

New events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#)  and also on our [Facebook page](#) .


### Nov 14: Jumpstart Your Ideas in Energy!

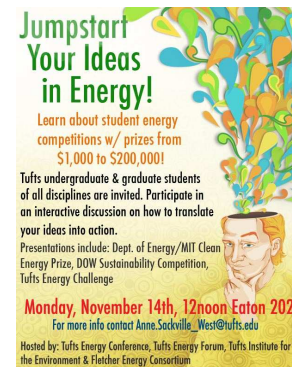
Eaton 202, 12 noon

Learn about student energy competitions with prizes from \$1,000 to \$200,000, Tufts undergraduate and graduate students of all disciplines are invited. Participate in an interactive discussion on how to translate you ideas into action.


- [Nov 13: MCAN Conference 2011](#)
- [Nov 14: Renewable Energy and Climate Change: The IPCC Report](#)
- [Nov 15: Green Medford offers Mini-Grants for Youth Service Projects!](#)
- [Nov 17: ENV5 Lunch & Learn - Persistence and Extinction of Small Populations](#)
- [Nov 19: The Boston Pledge](#)
- [Dec 2: TIE Fellowship Information Session](#)

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The Tufts sustainability community maintains a shared Google calendar called [Tufts Environmental Events](#). Additional (including non-Tufts) events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) . Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) or the "Events" category to get real-time updates.



## Jobs in Sustainability

Job and internship opportunities are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) . Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) for the "Career" category so you never miss another post!

- [Circle the City Project Manager \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Coyote Canyon Farm Internship \(Morgan Hill, CA\)](#)
- [Better Future Project 2012 Summer Internship](#)
- [Fellowship, Sustainable Agriculture, Williams College](#)
- [Digital Sustainability Communications Coordinator, Harvard University](#)
- [Conservation Agent, Norwell Conservation Commission, Town of Norwell, MA](#)
- [EcoHouse Program Coordinator, U Connecticut](#)
- [Job Opportunity in Food System and Land Use Mapping and Research](#)
- [Sustainability Program Manager, GreenerU](#)
- [Community Carbon Fund Project Coordinator, Yale University](#)

Additional internship and academic opportunities may be found at the [Environmental Studies Program blog](#).

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