Sustainability Guide

Use this handy guide to learn about key sustainability initiatives at MSU.

*Bears for Sustainability Living Learning Community*

This is a great way to connect with like-minded students through activities like volunteering, touring sustainable features of campus, and going on fun trips. LLC students live on the same floor.

*Bike Maintenance Stations*

We have stations in front of Garst and near the Foster Recreation Center, Kemper Hall, and Strong Hall. They all provide air pumps, a variety of tools, and hanger arms from which to hang your bike while making adjustments.

*Campus Garden*

The Campus Garden was made possible by the SGA sustainability fund. It is run by 2 student managers who host volunteer and educational opportunities to plant fruits and veggies.

*Eco-Reps*

Eco-Reps is a brand new program that allows students to engage in peer-to-peer education. They do not need to have prior knowledge of sustainability, but they must be eager to learn. This opportunity counts as service hours towards scholarship and Greek service hour requirements.

*FRC LEED Certification*

The Foster Recreation Center is LEED Silver, meaning that it was built with sustainability in mind.

*Green Bike Program*

Abandoned bikes are collected, fixed up, and rented to students for only $15/semester or $25/year.

*Hydration Stations*

We have over 20 water bottle refilling stations on campus! Ditch the disposable cups and bottles. Get a reusable bottle and treat yourself to cold, filtered water while at school.

*Recycling*

We offer recycling campus-wide. Outdoor bins and bins in the academic buildings are comingle, meaning they accept all clean plastic and aluminum. Paper is collected in a separate paper only bin. Glass is ONLY recycled in the residence halls. Cardboard is accepted in certain locations on campus.

*Reusable Cup Program*

If you love soft drinks but not waste, consider getting a reusable cup from the student union. Cups are $39.95 for the first semester (including the cup) and $32 for each subsequent year. The cups entitle you to FREE refills all semester and significantly cut down on your waste footprint.
Solar Stop

This will be completed summer 2015. It provides shelter for bikes, renewable energy for the university, and is an educational tool for the campus community.

Solar Tables

This is a great place to hang out with friends or do homework while charging your electronics with power from the sun! They are located between the Foster Rec Center and Blair-Shannon dining hall.

STARS Silver

We received a Silver STARS rating, meaning our University is striving to be a leader in sustainability.

Student Government Association – Sustainability

The Sustainability Committee writes proposals for sustainability projects and the Sustainability Commission votes on them. This program is funded by a student fee matched by the president. Proposals are written by students but you don’t need to be on the committee to write a proposal.

Students for a Sustainable Future

SSF was the very first student-initiated sustainability group on campus. SSF has been a driving force of campus sustainability since its inception in 2009. Members do fun things like plan sustainability events on campus, go on hiking and camping trips, and attend leadership conferences.

Sustainability Minor

The Sustainability Minor is brand new to campus as of fall 2015. This minor is interdisciplinary and the wide range of classes available ensure that it will complement just about any major on campus.

Sustainability Discussion Courses

These FREE discussion-based sustainability courses have an average of 8-12 participants who meet 6-8 times for about one hour. This is an opportunity to learn more about sustainability and meet friends. Learn about sustainable living, food, and the link between sustainability and health.

Zipcar

Students can rent a Zipcar for $7.50 per hour or $69 per day. This price includes gas, insurance and maintenance. Simply join for $25 a year and receive $35 in driving credit for your first month. This is a sustainable way to get groceries or even go on a weekend road trip, and you don’t have to worry about finding a parking spot on campus! Students no longer need to bring a car to campus.

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