

Community Awareness

- **Goal:** Invest in sustainability culture programs to educate our community, track behavior, and report on progress over time.



Current Initiatives:

- Planet Blue Ambassadors Program provides an entryway to participate in sustainability at U-M.
- Sustainability Cultural Indicators Program survey results reveal U-M employee and student knowledge, attitude, and behaviors over time.
- Sustainable Living Experience residential program at Oxford Houses engages first-year students in sustainability practices and leadership.
- Planet Blue Student Leaders provide resources and assist in campus-wide sustainability projects through Student Life.

Get Involved

- Be aware and respectful that everyone approaches sustainability in their own way.
- Start with one personal sustainability action commitment of your choice.
- Visit the Student Sustainability Initiative webpage to learn more about sustainability student organizations and funding opportunities both large and small, including the Planet Blue Student Innovation Fund, up to \$50k for on-campus projects: sustainability.umich.edu/ssi

Farms & Gardens, Courses & Workshops

- Visit the Campus Farm or small gardens at the Ginsberg Center, Public Health, Medical Campus, Outdoor Adventures and more: sustainability.umich.edu/umsfp
- Check out the over 700 sustainability related courses, minors, concentrations, and supplemental studies programs: sustainability.umich.edu/education
- Experience nature on campus at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, home to many volunteer, research, and education opportunities: isa.umich.edu/mbg



Selected Events Fall 2017

- **EarthFest! (September 21st)** U-M's annual "party for the planet" showcases student orgs, departments, and community work in sustainability in a festive atmosphere.
- **HarvestFest (October 8th)** Celebrate local food with the Campus Farm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.
- **School for Environment and Sustainability Opening Ceremony (October 27th)** to celebrate the launch of the new school.

See more events: sustainability.umich.edu

Recycle and Compost at U-M

Sending materials to landfills wastes resources, impacts habitats, disproportionately impacts low income and minority communities, and negatively impacts the environment. Join a dedicated U-M community committed to reducing waste, reusing, and recycling.



- Questions on what goes where? Email recycle@umich.edu
- In residence halls: Review the poster in your hallway waste closet for instructions on how to divert electronics, foam, batteries, and more from landfills.



Welcome to Planet Blue



University of Michigan Campus Sustainability Guide

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See the complete guide:
www.sustainability.umich.edu/guide

U-M's Sustainability Commitment

Welcome to the University of Michigan, and thank you for helping us to continue to be leaders and best in sustainability. We aim to reach the campus sustainability goals outlined in this resource by 2025.

People, Communities & Environment

Sustainability is for everyone — across geography, class, race, and identities. Sustainability encompasses solutions-driven education, leadership, and practice that seeks to safeguard our planet's life-support systems and enhance well-being for present and future generations.

Local to Global Impact

Our individual actions, institutional operations, and research affect communities near and far. Thoughtful, informed decisions can improve lives around the world, now and in the future.



- Check out the local Green Market Guide for a list of resale shops, sustainable restaurants and grocers, bicycle shops, and bikes. See: sustainability.umich.edu/guide
- Also see resources in Ann Arbor around recycling, farmer's markets, energy-savings, and volunteer opportunities for off-campus living: a2gov.org/sustainability

Healthy Environments

Goal: Protect Huron River quality by reducing runoff from impervious surfaces and reducing the volume of land management chemicals on campus by 40 percent.

Progress: Reduced by 34 percent.

Goal: Purchase 20 percent of U-M food in accordance with U-M Sustainable Food Purchasing Guidelines.

Progress: Purchased 12 percent.

Current Initiatives

- Organic fertilizers and non-toxic weed treatments are used on the Diag lawn.
- Michigan Dining partners with the Campus Farm and other local farmers to buy produce and other products.
- M Farmers Markets are offered across campus, providing an opportunity to purchase affordable and local produce and more.

Get Involved

- Keep litter off the streets and out of storm drains.
- Try local sustainable foods.
- Participate in river clean-up events through the Huron River Watershed Council or ecological restoration workdays with Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens staff.



Waste Prevention

Goal: Reduce waste sent to landfills by 40 percent.

Progress: Waste levels increased four percent, due in part to 17 percent campus growth; 44 percent reduction needed.



Make sure food containers are marked compostable before throwing in a compost bin.

Current Initiatives

- All residential dining halls and Michigan Dining locations compost food waste.
- Michigan Medicine conducted a large waste audit to analyze their unique waste stream and develop effective waste reduction programs.
- The Big House will go Zero Waste for the 2017 football season.

Get Involved

- Carry a reusable water bottle and reusable shopping bags with you.
- Participate in move-in and move-out special recycling and reuse opportunities.
- Make your next event Zero Waste, see: sustainability.umich.edu/ssi/zero-waste

Climate Action

Goal: Reduce Greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent.

Progress: Reduced by 5 percent.

Goal: Reduce carbon intensity of passenger trips by 30 percent.

Current: Reduced by 15 percent.

Current Initiatives

- Approved expansion of Central Campus Power Plant to provide cleaner energy to campus.
- New buildings and renovations meet/exceed LEED Silver green building and stringent ASHRAE energy conservation standards.
- Energy Management efforts have reduced energy consumption in many buildings by 10.1 percent.



Get Involved

- Report energy waste to: energyconservation@umich.edu
- Ride your bike! A bike share program, ArborBike, and bike rentals are available. Look for bike air pumps at the libraries and residence halls. You can register your bike with the U-M Division of Public Safety and Security.
- Turn off and unplug electronics when not in use.