

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



Don't Dump! Donate!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To volunteer for this event and help monitor the drop-off locations, please sign up! Volunteer shifts are split into 1-hour increments. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions so that they feel comfortable monitoring the area. COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

[Learn More](#)



Spruce Up SDSU Day

As the snow recedes and the spring winds blow, trash abounds! Join fellow Jackrabbits in sprucing up SDSU by picking up trash across campus on April 13th at 5:00 p.m..

Registration is required. Sign up as an individual or as a group (student clubs, academic departments, group of friends, etc.).

Participants will be assigned an area on campus to clean. Trash bags will be provided. Bring your own gloves. Please practice social distancing. Masks are highly encouraged when social distancing is not feasible.

*In the event of inclement weather or snow covered ground, the event will move to April 20th.

[Register](#)



Sustainability Institute Coming in May

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Sustainability Tidbits



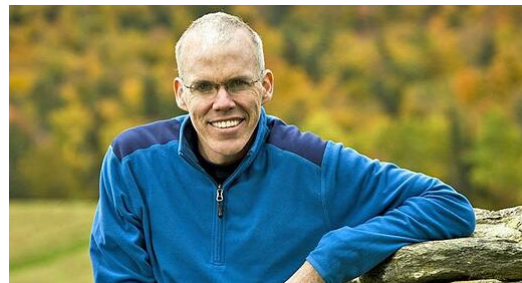
Along with a team of graduate students from across the country, group of Department of Natural Resource Management graduate students is organizing a 7 Day Food Waste Reduction Challenge launching next week on April 12th. They will share resources on how to reduce food waste, save money and save the planet! To participate in the daily challenges follow them on social media. [Learn more.](#)



Come celebrate Arbor Day on April 28th at 10:30AM in front of Wecota and Wenona Halls! The SDSU Horticulturist, Tanner Aiken, will discuss proper selection of bare root plants and the importance of species diversity. Five trees will be planted.



Book recycling is available for both students and employees. Student drop off bins are located in Rotunda Breezeway, Larson Commons, and the Union. For employees, contact Briggs Library. [Learn more.](#)



The Harding Distinguished Lecture Series will host author and environmentalist, Bill McKibben on April 13, 2021. The event will be held virtually. This event is free for all participants. [Learn more.](#)



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Event Details

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Accepted items:

- Appliances
- Bedding
- Bikes
- Binders
- Blankets
- Bookshelves
- Brooms
- Bulletin boards
- Carpets (no stains, tears, etc.)
- Chairs (no stains, tears, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothing
- Coffee makers
- Desks
- Dish soaps
- Door stops
- End tables
- Exercise equipment
- Extension cords
- Fans
- Food (un-opened, non-perishable, not expired)



Related Departments



Sustainability



- Framed art
- Futons/sleeper sofas (no stains, tears, etc.)
- Hygiene items (tampons, soap, lotions, razors, etc.)
- Lamps
- Laundry baskets
- Laundry detergents
- Mirrors
- Notebooks
- Office supplies (pens, staplers, hole punch, white out, etc.)
- Reusable water bottles
- Shoe racks
- Shower caddies
- Sofas
- Storage boxes
- Towels
- TV stands
- Winter gear (boots, coats, snow pants, gloves, hats, etc.)
- *All items must be in reusable condition. Acceptance of items is at the discretion of the Don't Dump! Donate! volunteers.

Please practice social distancing. Masks are highly encouraged when social distancing is not feasible.

To volunteer for this event and help monitor the drop-off locations please sign up! Volunteer shifts are split into 1-hour increments. Drop-off locations are Larson loop and north of Honors Hall. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions so that they feel comfortable monitoring the area. COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

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Event Audience

Public includes SDSU Faculty/Staff/Students SDSU Students

Tuesday, May. 4, 2021  **Friday, May. 7, 2021**

11:00 am  **5:00 pm**

[On-Campus](#)

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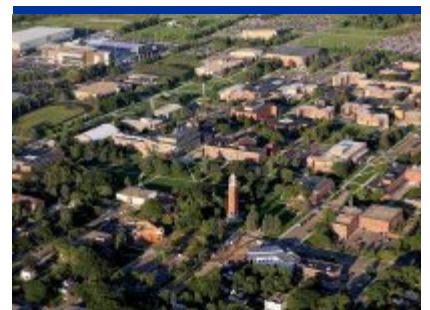
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Related Departments



[Facilities and Services](#)

Event Audience

Public includes SDSU Faculty/Staff/Students
SDSU Faculty/Staff
SDSU Students

Tuesday, Apr. 13, 2021

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

[On-Campus](#)

Sustainability Institute

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What Will be Covered?

- Overview of sustainability
- Techniques and resources for integrating sustainability into curriculum
- Testimonies from peers who have integrated sustainability into their

Related Departments



Sustainability



Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning

curriculum

- SDSU resources
- Panel discussion on sustainability and current events
- Virtual tours of SDSU sustainability efforts

Why Should I Attend?

- Join the growing movement around sustainability
- Learn a diverse set of classroom teaching styles
- Create a culture that supports sustainability & increases quality of life (goals in IMAGINE 2023!)

Logistics

- Dates: May 13 to May 27
 - Live Sessions: May 13, 2021 and May 20, 2021 from 9:00 – 11:00 am
 - On-Demand Content – Available for all participants between the dates of May 13 – 27
- CETL Points – Up to 8 Points Available – Points earned through completion of individual content within the institute D2L shell.

Event Audience

SDSU Faculty/Staff

Thursday, May. 13, 2021 – **Thursday, May. 27, 2021**

All-Day [Virtual Event](#)

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South Dakota State University

Brookings, SD

Physical Location | Mailing Addresses

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Our Changing Climate: A Global Movement of Reform

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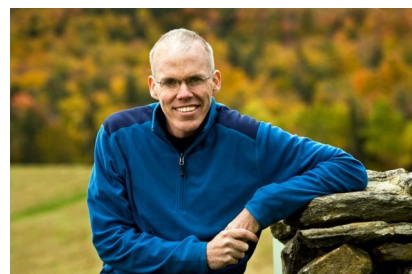
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Of all the challenges the planet faces, one poses a truly existential threat—global warming—and no one has worked longer or harder than Bill McKibben to both document and combat it. Author of the first book on this crucial topic for the general public—*The End of Nature* (1989)—McKibben went on to found 350.org, which has become the most extensive grassroots climate campaign in the world. His latest book, *Falter* (2019), examines not only our environmental challenges but also the ethical dilemmas posed by new technologies, including artificial intelligence. He has published eighteen books and hundreds of articles in a wide variety of publications and has received numerous awards—including the Right Livelihood Prize (the “alternative Nobel”), the Gandhi Prize, and the Thomas Merton Prize—as well as honorary degrees from eighteen colleges and universities. He is currently a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and The Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont.

This event is free to all participants. Click the link below to join.

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SDSU Faculty/Staff
SDSU Students



Related Departments



**School of Communication
and Journalism**

INFEWS-ER

Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy,
and Water Systems Educational Resources

7 DAY FOOD WASTE REDUCTION CHALLENGE



Mission Statement: The [INFEWS-ER Food Waste Cohort](#)'s mission is to increase the awareness of consumer food waste nationally and collectively challenge each other to save money, save resources, and save the planet through a social media campaign: 7 Day Food Waste Reduction Challenge! #CancelFoodWaste

The Problem with Food Waste

Can you imagine if every time you came home from the grocery store, you immediately threw out every third bag of your groceries without opening them? Well, that is what is happening every day in America on a national scale, where 40% of food is wasted ([NRDC](#), 2017). Not only is this a huge waste of money, but it also wastes the water, energy, soil, fertilizer, transportation and countless other factors that go into growing the food. Most of this wasted food ends up in landfills, where it emits greenhouse gases that cause climate change and air pollution ([EPA.gov](#), n.d.). At the same time, nearly 12% of American households are food-insecure, and reducing food waste could help improve food availability. Join our campaign to learn more about the “Wicked Problem” of food waste, and take action to reduce your “foodprint”!

THE CHALLENGE

We launch our challenge on Monday, April 12, 2021! Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#).



Day 1: Food Waste Audit

An estimated 133 billion pounds of food goes to waste annually in the United States; this translates to about \$161 billion in economic losses each year. Most of this food waste occurs at the retail and consumer levels. In fact, it was estimated that an average US household loses between \$800-\$900 annually to wasted food. Not only are we wasting money, but it is also ethically concerning given that more than 10 million children in America are food insecure. Unfortunately, many of us do not know this because food is trashed in bits and we never paid attention to it. In this week of the food waste challenge, let us challenge each other to pay attention to our food waste in one week and reevaluate how we can reduce and prevent food waste in the future.

Day 2: Learn the Truth about Expiration Dates

Expiration date label confusion accounts for about 20% of edible consumer food waste, resulting in wasted food, wasted money, and wasted resources. Food date labels are not federally regulated, but instead are largely determined at the discretion of food manufacturers. This challenge breaks down the differences between the various types of food date labels to help make informed decisions on food quality versus food safety at the store and in your kitchen.

Day 3: Shop your Kitchen, Make a Grocery List

Did you know that over half of all food waste in the U.S. takes place in the home? Planning your grocery list ahead of time is an essential step in preventing food waste. As you write your list, think ahead to the meals you are preparing this week and check your fridge to see what you already have. Stick to your list while you are shopping to save money, eat healthier, and save time in the grocery store as well as prevent excess

food from piling up!

Day 4: Tips for Food Preparation and Storage

It is easy to cause food waste when we overbuy or forget about fresh fruits and vegetables in the fridge. By preparing perishable foods soon after shopping and storing fruits and vegetables properly, we can reduce food waste and save money. Follow along in this challenge to learn tips for food preparation and storage!

Day 5: Zero Waste Recipes

This challenge involves using parts of produce we would normally throw away. Food waste releases methane as it decomposes in landfills, a greenhouse gas that is twenty-eight times as powerful as carbon dioxide. By reusing food we would normally throw away, we are saving money by creating more meals for ourselves and helping to protect the planet by reducing food waste. Check out our [Resource Hub](#) for all the recipes we posted during the week, and more!

Day 6: Make New Meals with Leftovers

The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that at least 40% of the food processed and transported in the U.S is never eaten. Simultaneously, about 50 million people in the United States face food insecurity. This challenge offers a potential solution by giving a second chance to the food left on the plate. Alternative uses will have positive environmental, economic, and social impacts, and to reduce the one-third of food that is lost or wasted.

Day 7: Repurpose Wasted Food & Scraps

Wasted food is the single largest component taking up space inside U.S. landfills ([EPA](#), 2018). However, there are many ways we can repurpose our food scraps—from creating DIY skincare from overripe produce and coffee grounds to making household cleaners from citrus peels! Check out our [Resource Hub](#) for a list of ways we can repurpose our wasted food.

MORE INFORMATION

Want more information on food waste? Check out our [Resource Hub](#), where we have assembled resources pertaining to the problem of food waste and the solutions we presented in each of the daily challenges.



[@7dfoodwastechallenge](#) Join the 7 Day Food Waste Reduction Challenge (link in bio).

[##cancelfoodwaste](#) [##foodwaste](#) [##sustainable](#)
[##EarthMonth](#) Pieces (Solo Piano Version) – Danilo Stankovic

Miscellaneous Recycling

[605-688-4136](tel:605-688-4136) [Email](#) [Our People](#)

***NOTE:** Items listed below should not be placed in the blue single stream recycling bins. Please read instructions on where to properly recycle each item.

Batteries

- Accepted: NiCd, lead acid, button batteries, etc.
- Not Accepted: Alkaline (i.e. AA, AAA, D)
- Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264

Books

- Students
 - Drop off bins are located in Bailey Rotunda Breezeway, University Student Union and Larson Commons.
- Faculty
 - Once you collect books that you are ready to give away, follow these steps:
 - STEP 1: Contact Hilton M. Briggs Library to see if any material could be added to the library collection. The archival collection may also be interested in any theses, books, lecture notes, etc. written by SDSU faculty, staff or alumni. Accepted materials will be picked up by the library staff.
 - For general materials, please contact Mary Caspers-Graper at 605-688-5565.
 - For archival materials, please contact Michele Christian at 605-688-4906.

Initiatives

Take Action

Resources

Carpooling

Presentations & Guest Lectures

Recycling

Sustainability Courses

Sustainability Related Degrees

Sustainability Research Guide

Water Bottle Refill Stations

- [Guidelines for Departmental Records](#) and [Guidelines for Faculty Donations](#)
- STEP 2: If Briggs Library does not accept the materials, there are two options:
 - Several organizations collect used books to support various programs. Individuals are able to donate books by shipping books to a designated location. A couple examples organizations include Better World Books and Books for Africa.
 - Books can also be placed in campus paper recycling bins. Tear off all hard covers and remove any spiral binding prior to disposal. Only glue binding is O.K. on both soft and hard cover books. Plastic, metal or any other type of binding cannot be recycled and must be taken off before the rest of the book is placed in the recycling bin. Please contact Facilities and Services at 605-688-4136 if extra bins are needed for collection or to schedule a special pick up.

Chemicals

- Accepted: Lab chemicals
- Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264

Electronics

- Accepted: SDSU computers, printers, phones, scanners other electronics a with hard drive (IT), or anything that has an electric cord or doesn't have a hard drive (EHS).
- Contact Information Technology at 605-688-6776 or Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264.

Fluorescent bulbs, ballasts and CFLs

- Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264.

Ink and Toner Cartridges

- Accepted: All types and brands of ink and toner cartridges.
- Drop-off locations are in Chicoine Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering Hall (recycling room #120), Daktronics

Engineering Hall (recycling room #157) and Bailey Rotunda Breezeway.

Paints

- Accepted: Oil and latex
- Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264.

Surplus Property (State Supply Only)

- Contact Property Management at 605-688-5816.

Used Oil

- Accepted: All types
- Not Accepted: Car oil
- Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 605-688-4264.

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