

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



Happy Earth Day!

(Earth Day is April 22)

April is a great month to soak in our environmental surroundings – take in a deep breath of fresh air, marvel at seedlings popping out of the soil, and listen to the birds happily chirp as they build their summer home. Not only does the natural world provide us joy and fill us with wonder, but it also provides the basis of our life on Earth. Without the air how would we breathe? Without the complex structure of soil how would we grow food? But while the Earth provides these benefits to us, we must tend to the planet to ensure the resources and planetary services remain. April is an excellent time to ponder both our campus and our individual impacts on the planet. Are we living in a way that sustains both ourselves and the Earth for today and for centuries to come?

In the coming weeks are there lots of opportunities to get involved with sustainability on campus. Check out the upcoming events, job openings, and volunteer opportunities.



Don't Dump! Donate!

[Volunteers Needed for Don't Dump!](#)

Donate!

Volunteers are needed to monitor drop-off location sites for the 4th annual Don't Dump! Donate! The event keeps reusable material out of the landfill by offering students an opportunity to donate quality items they no longer want but that can be put to good use at local nonprofits.

Don't Dump! Donate! will have drop-off locations set up outside north of Honors Hall, west of Larson Commons, and west of Abbott Hall April 29 and 30 and May 1, 5, and 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each drop-off location needs one person to monitor the site. The task is easy and helps immensely to ensure the event runs smoothly. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions so that they feel comfortable monitoring the area.

[Sign up to volunteer!](#)



Earth Day Celebration

Join us and celebrate Earth Day on April 22! The inaugural sustainability fair will

offer an opportunity to learn, grow, and participate in sustainability-related activities including a book exchange, bike blended smoothies, and a panel discussion on sustainable lifestyles. There will also be games and prizes. All are welcome!

Event schedule:

April 22, 2022

Booths: Jackrabbit Green (north side of Union) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sustainable Lifestyle Panel Discussion: Union (Pasque Room) at 10:00 a.m.

Healthy Food Workshop: Union (Pasque Room) at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your mug for a FREE coffee from Kool Beans Coffee!

Event sponsored by Facilities & Services – Sustainability and students of HMGT455
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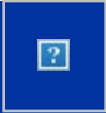


Job Opening: Summer Student Sustainability Position

Facilities & Services is hiring a student employee for the summer. The position will work on both sustainability efforts and helping with various tasks around the Facilities and Services office.

\$11 per hour.

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Earth Day 2022

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Friday, Apr. 22, 2022

Event Sponsor

[Facilities and Services](#)

Event Details

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Event Audience

Public includes SDSU Faculty/Staff/Students

Earth Day - Lectures

Friday, Apr. 22, 2022

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

[University Student Union](#)

SSU 0255 Pasque

Earth Day - Fair and Exhibits

Friday, Apr. 22, 2022

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Jackrabbit Green

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Full Time Positions

Applications for open positions must be completed at the State's online employment system. Please visit the [online employment system](#) to review all available positions, for more information and to apply online.

Our full time positions are eligible for [the full state benefit package](#).

If you have additional questions or need assistance completing the online application, call SDSU Human Resources at 605-688-4128, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. Applicants requesting reasonable accommodations during the application process should contact the Director of Disability Services at TT/VOICE: 605-688-4394.

Student Employment

South Dakota State University Facilities and Services hires student employees to work throughout the department to assist with a variety of tasks throughout the year.

For questions about student employment, please contact Facilities and Services, 605-688-4136. You may fill out a Student Employee Application at any time to be considered for future openings.

Student applications can be downloaded here [Student Employment Application](#) form, filled out electronically, and then [emailed to Facilities and Services](#). Student applications can also be picked up and returned to the Facilities and Services main office located in the Facilities and Services Building.

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Up to 40 hours per week.

*Knowledge and interest in sustainability is preferred, but not required.

Questions? Call 688-4136

Apply today!



Spruce Up SDState

Join Facilities & Services and the Sustainability Club for Spruce Up SDState and help pick up trash around campus. Bags and gloves will be provided for all participants. Clean up will be April 21st from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will meet on the west side of the Union to be assigned a clean up area. Sign up as an individual or as a group!

Register today!



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Tree Campus USA

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SDSU has been recognized as a Tree Campus USA annually since 2009. The national program promotes the a thriving tree population on university campuses. To maintain recognition as a Tree Campus USA, SDSU:



- Has a campus tree advisory committee
- Maintains a tree care plan
- Allocates annual expenditures to the care and planting of trees on campus
- Observes Arbor Day
- Supports students in service learning projects

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Initiatives

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Resources

South Dakota State University

Brookings, SD

Physical Location | Mailing Addresses

1-605-688-4121

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Arbor Day/Tree Campus USA Recognition

Looking to get your hands in the dirt and help beautify campus? Join Tanner Aiken, Facilities & Services Horticulturist and Project Manager, for an Arbor Day celebration and help plant bare root trees! No experience required. Instructions and supplies will be provided.

April 29th at 10:00 a.m. on the west side of Rotunda.

SDSU has been recognized as a Tree Campus USA for 13 years!

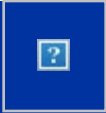
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Pop-Up Shop and Sustainability Documentary

The Sustainability Club is hosting Trendz and 605 Vintage for a pop-up shop on Thursday April 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Jack's Place (lower level of Union).

Following the pop-up shops, the club will show the documentary, "Living the Change: Inspiring Stories for a Sustainable Future" at 8:00 p.m.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Trends and 605Vintage Pop Up Shop

Ashtyn Schultz [605-651-1340](tel:605-651-1340) [Email](#)

Share:

Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022

Event Details

Pop Up Shop from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Documentary from 8.00pm to 10.00pm

Event Audience

Public includes SDSU Faculty/Staff/Students

Trends and 605Vintage Pop Up Shop

Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

[University Student Union](#)

SSU 0050 Jacks' Place



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Vision

South Dakota State University will



inspire faculty, staff, students and visitors to live more sustainably through campus-dedicated efforts to achieve environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Who we are

Facilities & Services - Sustainability is the hub of sustainability efforts at South Dakota State University. Lead by the campus Sustainability Specialist, we strive to incorporate sustainability throughout campus, whether it be in operations, administration, or engagement with students both inside and outside the classroom.

Mission

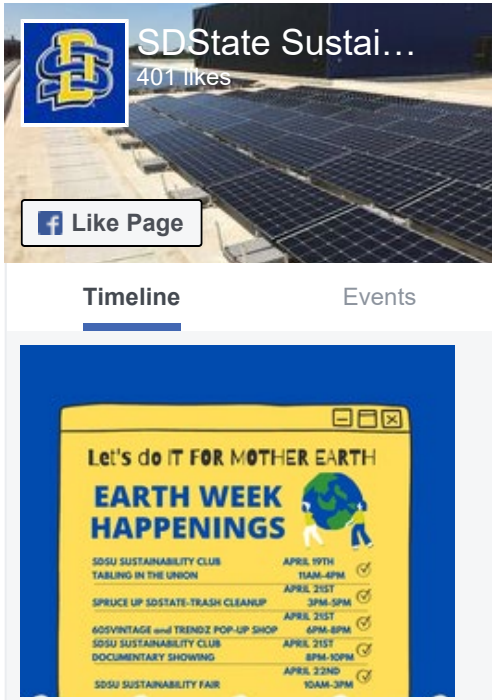
SDSU promotes and encourages sustainable lifestyles through the integration of sustainability concepts in academics, engagement, operations and administration.

Sustainability Definition

Sustainability is the formation of a better society through the interdependent actions of improving environmental quality, increasing economic prosperity and instilling social justice for present and future generations.

Why is Sustainability Important?

Sustainability is important for many different reasons. First of all, many of the resources we use come from a finite supply. Practicing sustainability can help ensure that these resources last longer and do not disappear. Furthermore, the earth provides several services to the surrounding environment that positively affect our lives. Without these services, which are at risk due to unsustainable practices, we may face greater challenges such as increased flooding and water pollution. Taking a look at how we use our monetary resources can also contribute to sustainability by ensuring that the economy continues to prosper. Last but not least, sustainability provides important visions to how we can obtain social justice.



Accomplishments



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