

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADOR

Sustainability Ambassador Registration is Open

Join faculty, staff, and students from across campus in the Sustainability Ambassador Program. This 5-week program will take a deep dive into sustainability concepts enriching participants' understanding and empowering them to share and practice what they learn. Each 1-hour session will consist of a presentation with room for engaging activities and meaningful dialogue.

Program topics include: definitions of sustainability, social equity, climate change, energy, waste, and more!

Sustainability Ambassadors will be held the weeks of Sept 19 through Oct 17. Program dates and times will be scheduled around participants' availability (*We cannot guarantee that the decided date and time will work for all participants).

Registration closes September 9th (TOMORROW!).

Registration: <https://sdstate.questionpro.com/SustainabilityAmbassador2022>

Questions? Contact Jennifer McLaughlin, Sustainability Specialist, at jennifer.mclaughlin@sdstate.edu

Register



Don't Dump! Donate! Diverts Over 4,000 Pounds from the Landfill

Don't Dump! Donate! is hosted each spring as an avenue to divert good quality items that students no longer want/need and donate them to local nonprofits where the items are given a second life. Items accepted include carpets, refrigerators, futons, unopened food, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, and more. In 2022, a record number of items, by weight, were donated to local nonprofits surpassing 4,000 pounds of goods!

Local nonprofit partners included Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Jack's Cupboard, Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter, The Salvation Army of Brookings, and Holy Life Tabernacle Church.



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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.

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.

Mission

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

Sustainability Definition

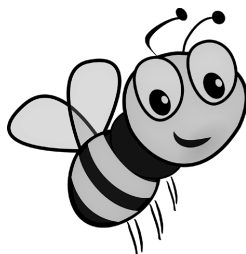
Sustainability is the formation of a better society through the interdependent actions of improving environmental quality, increasing economic prosperity and instilling social justice for present and future generations.

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