# SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

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## FUN FACT

Did you know, the new Engineering Building has trash & recycling bins that are made of recycled milk jugs?

## SPOTLIGHT

Wooden chop-sticks and paper napkins are acceptable in the UTD Comet Compost Program.

## Composting is Cool | Soil Happens | Dont Forget to Recycle

## GREEN NEWS

The University of Texas at Dallas has a Sustainability Committee that meets every month. These meetings are open to all students, staff, and faculty who have an interest in sustainability. We look forward to meeting you!

UT Dallas has been composting for many years. Since 2012, the university has diverted and composted over 200 tons of food waste. Much of the composted food waste was re-integrated into the campus landscape. Click here for more information.

## Past AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dallas Arboretum Events (Nov 14—Dec 30)
- Dallas Zoo Lights (Nov 16—Jan 1)
- Sustainability Committee Meeting (Dec 5)
- RecycleMania (Jan 20—Apr 1)
- TRACS Sustainability Summit (Feb 17-29)
- EarthX2019 (Apr 26-28)

### A Message from The Office of Sustainability

Our office strives to push sustainability practices to the next level. Involved with recycling, green buildings, water & energy conservation, habitat conservation, event planning, and much more, we are interested in engaging the campus community to become a "greener" UT Dallas.

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## Sustainability Updates

Have you ever wondered how you could integrate sustainability into everyday work operations? We have some good news! The Green Office Certification Program will help you discover ways to be more sustainable and recognize existing practices. Once complete, you will earn a certificate, free coffee mugs, and bragging rights. Click here for more details.

Please welcome Mike Sills, a Regional Urban Forester with the Texas A&M Forest Service. Mike has accepted a community member position on the UT Dallas Tree Advisory Committee. This committee helps provide oversight of campus trees and assists in the recertification process for the Tree Campus USA designation through the Arbor Day Foundation.

Did you know that The Sustainability Office within Facilities Management manages a plastic film recycling program? This includes everything from plastic bags, bubble & shrink wrap, plastic packaging, and much more. You can find special recycling bins using our recycling locator on our website. Contact us for more details.

Do you use a reusable water bottle? If so, The Office of Sustainability has developed a Reusable Water Bottle Pledge. This pledge is for students, staff, and faculty who are interested in formally recognizing that non-reusable bottles can be harmful to our environment. Click here for more details.

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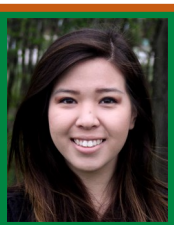
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