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FUN FACT SPOTLIGHT

"DID YOU KNOW" UT Dallas has over 50 water bottle refilling stations that have prevented over 3 million plastic bottles from entering the waste stream as of January 2019!

UT Dallas has been awarded the designation of Tree Campus USA 2016, 2017, and just recently 2018

Trees are Cool | Reduce, Reuse, Refill | 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 and want to be more involved. We look forward to meeting you!

Don't forget to get your recycling caps on! We are in the pre-season of the annual international recycling competition known as RecycleMania. For more information on how to get involved and enhance our recycling efforts, please click here.

Past and upcoming events

- △ RecycleMania (Jan 20—Apr 1)
- **△** TRACS Sustainability Summit (Feb 17-29)
- △ Alternative Spring Break (Mar 17-22)
- Δ 8th Annual Earth Week (Apr 22-26)
- △ EarthX2019 (Apr 26-28)
- △ Adopt-a-Highway (May 1)

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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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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 Julia Lafond, the newest addition to the Sustainability team here at UT Dallas. As a freshman studying Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, Julia has a strong interest in plants and organic farming. As an Eco-Rep, she will be helping perform biodiversity assessments of the UTD campus to document the many species of flora and fauna. For more information about the Eco-Reps, please click here.

Sustainability Updates

UT Dallas has recently earned its 3rd recognition as Tree Campus USA 2018. The Arbor Day Foundation manages the Tree Campus USA program. This program recognizes colleges and universities that effectively manage their trees, develop connectivity with the community, and engages their student population to support tree and forestry oriented service learning projects.

Do you use a reusable water bottle? If so, The Office of Sustainability has a Reusable Water Bottle Pledge. This pledge is for students, staff, and faculty who are interested in formally recognizing that non-reusable bottles are harmful to the environment. Anyone who signs the pledge will be placed on a listserve to receive the sustainability newsletters. Tell your friends and coworkers about it. Click here for more details.

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