



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS



Office of Sustainability

March 2021

Happy Women's History Month!



Intersectional Sustainability and Winter Storm Uri

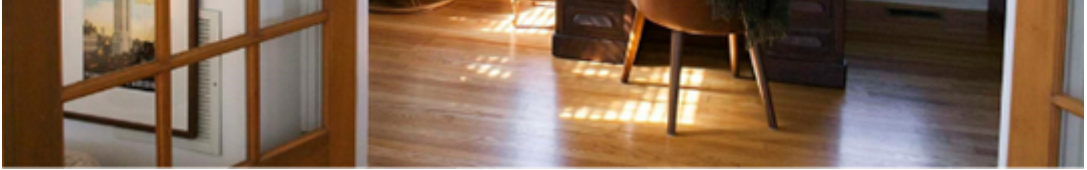
On Monday, February 15, millions of Texas awoke cold and in the dark. Winter Storm Uri dumped four inches of snow over DFW by the end of the day and brought with it a record-breaking temperature low of -2 degrees Fahrenheit to DFW, the coldest in 72 years. The Texas energy grid failure left 4.5 million Texans without power for days, hours, or not at all, depending on location of residence. The combination of Winter Storm Uri and the Texas energy grid failure has led to environmental, economic, and social sustainability concerns that ultimately compromise public health. [Read more >](#)



Hydraulic Fracturing: What's Up?

Fracking has become a hot topic issue for policy experts in recent years, and yet there still exists no cohesive national policy approach to the practice. The practice has a positive effect on the economy in terms of jobs and increasing energy security, but is also associated with a myriad of negative environmental effects that largely affect low-income and minority communities. [Read more >](#)





Remote Green Office Certification

Introducing the new program that recognizes your sustainability efforts at home! Staff and faculty may participate by completing and submitting the Remote Green Office Certification worksheet to Sustainability@UTDallas.edu. Certified offices will receive a certificate in recognition of their achievement and an "I Make UTD Green" mug. [Read more >](#)



Comet Composting Challenge

From March 1 - 31, the Office of Sustainability is offering the Comet Composting Challenge! Get involved by completing the Comet Composting Training and short knowledge assessment on the OoS website and picking up a composting caddy and OoS swag from the FM Building front desk. Swag items are an OoS water bottle and choice between UTD Community Garden tee or UTD Earth Day tee. [Read more >](#)



UTD is a Bike Friendly University!

UT Dallas becomes the 7th university in Texas to earn Bicycle Friendly University certification, joining UT Austin as bronze and the second BFU in the UT System. Beyond the recognition, the BFU application process brought stakeholders that work to advance bicycle and pedestrian safety into conversation with one another around a framework utilized by universities across America. [Read more >](#)



UTD Receives 4th Annual Tree Campus Higher Education Certification

UT Dallas has earned its fourth annual Tree Campus Higher Education certification! To obtain this distinction, UT Dallas has met five core standards for sustainable campus forestry, including the establishment of a tree advisory committee, maintaining a tree care plan, and observing Arbor Day. [Read more >](#)



Campus Race To Zero Waste

Are you ready to recycle? Campus Race To Zero Waste (CR2ZW), formerly known as RecycleMania, has begun for the 2021 season! CR2ZW is a friendly and fair competition among colleges and universities nationwide to benchmark our progress in eliminating landfill waste and doing our best to recycle as much as possible. [Read more >](#)



Mark Your Calendars for Virtual Earth Week!

The Office of Student Volunteerism and the Office of Sustainability are partnering to host UT Dallas' 10th annual Earth Week! This year's festivities will be held throughout Virtual Earth Week and will explore environmental, economic, and social challenges "through the lens of sustainability." Check out last year's video submissions! [Read more >](#)



Disposable Mask Recycling

With the rise of COVID-19, the UT Dallas Office of Sustainability has offered single-use disposable mask recycling to the campus community. Check out the Specialty Recycling Locator for all locations. [Read more >](#)



Watershed Warriors

Looking for a remote service opportunity? We've got you covered! Pick up campus litter to protect local wildlife and watershed. Submit your hours toward earning the Sustainability Service Honors! [Register here >](#)

The Greenhouse

Here you can find updates to the UT Dallas Eco Rep blog!



Soil: How to Save a Planet

If conversations of climate change and how best to combat it have started to weigh you down, the podcast How to Save a Planet might be for you. [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)



Zero-Waste Tips That Cost You Zero Dollars

Campus Race to Zero Waste is here. To celebrate, Yen has gathered 7 simple tips to help you get started in living a more low-waste life. The best part: they cost you (practically) nothing! [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)



Campus Race to Zero Waste

The 2021 Campus Race to Zero Waste is a fair and friendly competition between colleges and universities nationwide to benchmark landfill waste, food waste diversion, and recycling. UT Dallas has participated since 2013... and this year is no exception! [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)

Important Dates

Campus Race To Zero Waste

Feb. 1 - March 26

Campus Race 2 Zero Waste Trivia Night

March 12, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

OUTer Space Support Group

March 12, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

March 19, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

March 26, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

OSV Book Club

March 22, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

iFriend Discussions

March 24, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Student Government Senate Meeting

March 30, 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.

W.I.S.E.: Women In Social Engagement

March 25, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee Meeting

March 24, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Link

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