

Sustainability at Georgia College

GC is committed to enhancing the environmental sustainability of its campus and community.

Read through for more information on its green initiatives and partners.



What is sustainability?

SUSTAINABILITY 101

Sustainability = Triple bottom line

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n., the ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



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Sustainability is for Everyone!

- GC is a living learning laboratory for sustainability, which requires input from a wide variety of stakeholders and practice areas.
- Everybody can do a little, to help us accomplish a lot.



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Who can I contact about sustainability on campus?

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS

Office of Sustainability

- Point of contact for sustainability
- Housed in Facilities Operations
- Monitors/analyzes/promotes projects that help the campus conserve resources
- Promotes sustainable behaviors
- Educates our campus and community about sustainability
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- <https://gcgreen.wordpress.com/office-of-sustainability/>

Sustainability Council

- Founded in 2009
- Comprised of students, faculty, and staff
- Identifies/promotes actions & initiatives that will enhance sustainability on campus
- Meets monthly
- Major initiative = Green Initiative
- green@gcsu.edu
- <https://gcgreen.wordpress.com/sustainability-council-2/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/GCgogreen/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/286096117325/>



How is the college implementing sustainability?

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

Green Initiative

- Ongoing effort to
 - incorporate the principles of sustainability and environmental planning into the short-term and long-term activities of our university
 - share our knowledge with the surrounding community in an effort to make our world more ecologically responsible.
- 8 areas of activity
 - Alternative transportation
 - Building and landscape design
 - Environmental education and leadership
 - Energy efficiency and conservation
 - Materials recovery and recycling
 - Organics and composting
 - Sustainability funding
 - Water conservation

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Sustainability Fee Program

- Founded in 2010 as Student Green Fee
- \$5/semester
- Directed by Sustainability Council & Office of Sustainability
- Funds sustainability projects
 - Available to students with ideas to increase campus sustainability
 - Proposal submissions are accepted each semester (submission dates flexible currently)
- <https://gcgreen.wordpress.com/sustainability-fee-program/>

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Recycling

- Georgia College recycles!
 - <https://gcgreen.wordpress.com/materials-recovery-and-recycling/>
 - recycle@gcsu.edu
- Look for...
 - Small blue bins
 - throughout campus, in offices and dorms.
 - Blue herby curbies
 - residential areas.
 - The West Campus Recycling Center
 - adjacent to the trash compacter

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Recycling (single stream)



Recycling

Recyclable (place into blue bins)

- Plastic #1
- Plastic #2
- metal cans
(aluminum/tin/steel)
- paper (newspaper,
notebook, mail, etc)
- paperboard
- cardboard

Not recyclable (put into trash cans)

- Other plastics
 - #3, #4, #5, #6, #7
 - Un-labeled plastics
 - Plastic film (ie, bags, bubble wrap, food wrapping)
- Food & drink
- Pizza boxes
- Furniture, wood, electronics,
scrap metal, light bulbs,
chemicals, batteries,
pressurized cans

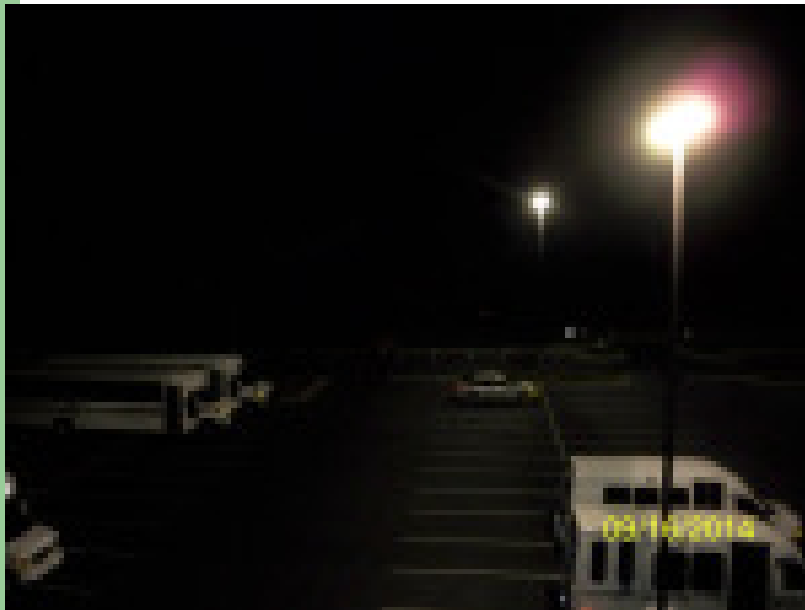
Water metering, Hydration stations, Water bottles



Solar-powered Golf Carts



Irwin St Parking Lot LED Light Installation



Before



After

Improved light = safer conditions; Energy saving bulbs = cost savings

Composting Operations



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gc_go_green #Composting arrives @georgiacollege thanks to the Student Sustainability Fund! We're going to turn campus cafeteria waste into #food and #flowers... #GCgoesgreen



Add a comment...

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West Campus Garden



How can I be a part of campus sustainability?

GET INVOLVED!!!

Participate

- Attend Council meetings
- Join the Environmental Science or Gardening Clubs
- Attend Garden Workdays
- Email/call/stop by the Sustainability Office to chat
- Send us your project ideas
- Jump on board a current project
- Attend our events/join our activities
- Become an intern

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Stay Informed

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- <http://www.gcsu.edu/green>
- <https://gcgreen.wordpress.com/>
- https://twitter.com/GC_Go_Green
- https://www.instagram.com/gc_go_green/

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What can I do to be more sustainable?

SIMPLE TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN

You can ... Save Paper

- Use a flash drive to store your class-related materials
- Encourage your faculty to post documents on a faculty web page & download them to a portable electronic device.
- Print only when necessary.
- Print double sided, use narrow margins, single space, smaller or *Sprang Ecofont*.

You can ... Save Energy!

- Turn out lights when you leave a room and adjust the temperature accordingly and conservatively.
- Unplug appliances, don't just turn them off. If a little red light is on, they are using electricity. Plug all electronics into a power strip; turn it off when not in use.
- Your dorm/apartment is not supposed to be the same temperature all year round. Wear warm clothes in the winter, cool clothes in the summer, and adjust the temperature accordingly.

You can ... Save Water!

- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or washing dishes in the sink.
- Take shorter showers.
- Report running faucets and toilets and leaky plumbing fixtures to Maintenance Direct (online).

You can ... Save, Save, Save!!!

- Use a refillable water bottle & coffee cup.
- Walk instead of taking the shuttle or your car. It saves gas and it makes you healthier.
- Ride your bike! It's fun.
- Drive less – combine trips and do your shopping all at once. It saves time, gas, & money.
- Get a cloth grocery bag or a mesh laundry bag and leave it in your car.

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Together, we can...

- Recycle when possible,
- Reduce our use of valuable resources,
- Reuse things before creating waste, &
- ***Make Georgia College the Greenest Campus in GA!***



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