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Tip of the Month

Try out the new Geaux Vélo bike share system right here on campus! It's a cheap, convenient, and fun way to get around! Did you know you can take the GeauxVélo bikes anywhere around town? As long as you return your bike to its original station, you can travel anywhere near campus! Bike downtown with friends, grab lunch in the oil center, bike around Girard Park!

Fête de la Terre 2016 April 16-22

Check out all the fun activities going on during the Fête de la Terre celebration!

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Paddle the Vermilion
Saturday
9:30am
Meet at Bourgeois Hall

APRIL
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Coulee Debris Installation
Monday
9am
St. Mary Blvd. in front of
Dupre Library

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E-Waste Drop Off
Tuesday
9am-5pm
St. Mary Blvd. and Rex St.

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Bike Day
Wednesday
noon-5pm
Location TBD

APRIL
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Rain Garden/Bioswale
Installation
Thursday
9am-noon
between Burke-
Hawthorne and Wharton
Hall

APRIL
22

Earth Day!
Fete de la Terre Expo
Friday
9am-5pm
St. Mary and Hebrard Blvd.

World Water Day, a program of the United Nations-Water, is an international observance that raises awareness of water issues across the globe. It is an opportunity to learn and to make a difference by telling others and taking action!



World Water Day March 22, 2016

2016 - Water and Jobs

Half of all workers on Earth are employed in water-related sectors. Millions of them are unrecognized and unprotected. This year's goal is to show how quality and quantity of water can change workers' lives and livelihoods along with transforming societies and economies! ¹

Get informed!

Use resources like www.waterandjobs.org, <http://water-footprint.org/en/resources/>, www.worldwaterday.org

Share your knowledge!

Organize a debate at your school, office, community or organization; create a game or an app; organize or propose a lesson on water; make a film or other work of art conveying the importance of water to you and your community and send it to UN-Water

Waste less water!

By changing everyday habits, you can make a big difference in the amount of water you use!

- Install a rain barrel to gather water to use for watering your garden or washing your car.
- Spend less time in the shower.
- Fill your dishwasher and washing machine all the way before running them. Use an eco-setting (low energy) if possible.
- Do not leave water running when washing your face, brushing your teeth, or washing the dishes.
- Instead of running tap water until it gets cold, leave some water in the refrigerator.
- Fix leaky faucets and fixtures around the house.

1. UN World Water Day <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/about/en/>

FÊTE de la TERRE 2016 Earth Day Celebration April 16-22

Fête de la Terre is the University's celebration of Earth Day, a day that raises awareness about all types of environmental concerns by bringing up environmental issues as well as ways to combat these issues.

This year, events range from a Vermilion River paddle trip to the installation of a bioswale on campus to bike safety and maintenance workshops and free trials of the new Geaux Vélo bikes! The last day of Fête de la Terre will be an exposition on Earth Day and will feature a free craft, local vendors and free food! See the side bar for a list of these events with their locations and times, and for more information, please go to our website (sustainability.louisiana.edu)





Sustainable Spring 2016!

Spring into sustainability this year by following these tips and tricks below!

Use leftover Easter egg dye for watercolor painting!

Instead of using store bought artificial dye, try all-natural dyes made from beets, carrots, onions, cabbage, and matcha powder! Check out <http://www.hellobee.com/2013/03/25/naturally-dyed-easter-eggs/> for instructions.

Instead of buying Easter baskets, up-cycle and decorate a reusable bag or large tin cans for baskets!

Help mitigate stormwater runoff at home by planting a rain garden in your yard!

Early spring is a great time to plant a vegetable garden! Save money on groceries and eat organically!

Reminder

Remember to get involved with sustainability-related efforts on campus! Check out the **Biology Club**, **Horticulture Club**, **Geaux Bike UL**, or **Students for Sustainability** to see what they're doing to make our campus a better place! Ask club members about upcoming volunteer opportunities as a way to help out around our campus and within our community!

- Hour 1=Free!
- Hour 2=\$1.00
- Hour 3=\$1.00
- Hour 4=Free!
- Hour 5=Free!
- Hour 6=Free!
- Hour 7=Free!
- Hour 8=Free!
- Hour 9= \$1.00
- Hour 10=\$1.00
- Hour 11=\$1.00
- Hour 12=\$1.00

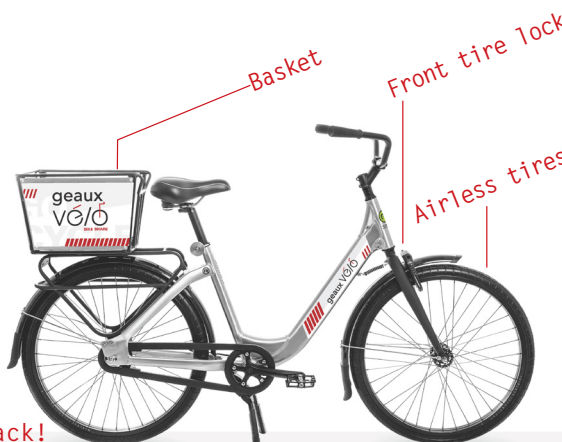
Park near any bike rack!



(Bikes checked out during the day will be due back at midnight every night. If you choose to keep the bike past midnight, you will be charged \$5.00 plus regular usage fees. However, bikes can be checked out at 12:01am without any additional fees.)

Geaux Vélo Bikes are Here!

We are pleased to announce that the Geaux Vélo bikes have arrived! The bike share stations are located at Cajun Field, Girard Park Circle Parking Tower, and the Union. Sign up online for free at geauxvelobikeshare.com! Remember, you can park your Geaux Vélo bike ANYWHERE (we suggest parking near any bike rack)! The front tire lock acts like a boot on a car wheel. Just be sure to lock the front tire lock with your key and take the key with you!



Be sure to use our website [sustainability.louisiana.edu] as one of your sustainability resources! There, you'll find UL news, planning and progress updates, green guides, links to environmental footprint calculators, transportation information, and ways to get involved around campus and in the community!

Also, keep up to date by following us on **Facebook** (University of Louisiana at Lafayette Office of Sustainability), **Pinterest** (UL Office of Sustainability), and **Instagram** (ul_sustainability)!

Some programs we offer on campus include E-Cycle, Single-stream recycling, and S.W.A.P Shop for faculty and staff.



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[r] E - CYCLE
electronic recycling



It is...

a way to recycle

- ink cartridges
- toner cartridges



how it works...

contact the Office of Sustainability

- call 482-0054
- email sustainability@louisiana.edu



you can also donate...

- personal computers
- personal cell phones
- personal televisions
- personal printers



We cannot recycle any property purchased with University funds

Feel free to contact us with questions or comments!

sustainability@louisiana.edu email
337.482-0054 phone

Local Farmers Markets

Lafayette Farmers & Artisans Market at The Horse Farm
Every Saturday 8:00 am-noon

Lafayette Hub City Farmers Market
Oil Center (427 Heyman St. across from Champagne's)
Every Saturday 8:00 am-noon

Arts Weekend
Local artists join the Hub City Farmers Market
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month

Shout Outs!

A big thank-you to all who have contributed to our e-cycle program! We are continuing to see numbers improve each month! This month, we recycled a total of 75 cartridges!

Here are the leaders for the month of February:

College of Liberal Arts

Career Services

Media Networks

Check out our website (sustainability.louisiana.edu) to learn more about our e-cycle program and how you can contribute!

Got an Idea?

Great ideas come from everywhere, and we would love to hear yours!

Please share it with us!
Just email us at sustainability@louisiana.edu