



Cajuns Geaux GREEN

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What's inside:



World Hunger Action Month National Food Day October 24

Did you know...
Over the summer, we purchased **new custodial carts!**

These carts have two separate compartments: one for recycling and one for trash. If you stopped recycling for whatever reason, now's the time to start again!



Mayu, a GCA employee

October is World Hunger Action Month, a month dedicated to fighting world hunger. In conjunction with this is National Food Day on October 24th, a day to resolve to make changes in our every-day diets towards a healthier, more sustainable diet, as well as an opportunity to address food issues around the world. There are many ways to recognize and address food issues personally, locally, nationally, and globally. From eating more sustainably to volunteering at local organizations, you can make a difference!

Students for Sustainability, a student group here on campus, is in the initial stages of starting a chapter with the Food Recovery Network, a non-profit organization that unites students on college campuses to fight food waste and hunger by recovering perishable food that would otherwise go to waste from their campuses and communities and donating it to people in need. The food collected by Students for Sustainability will go to St. Joseph Diner, a program part of Catholic Services of Acadiana that prepares and serves free lunch everyday to individuals in need.

Below are other local and global organizations that aim to end world hunger. Volunteering for or donating to these types of organizations is a great way to do your part in recognizing and ending world hunger!



Recycling on Campus

New receptacles are now in the Union! Make sure trash and recyclable items are being disposed of properly by checking the label before throwing items away!



Also, be on the lookout for our new grey recycling bins for use in offices and conference rooms on campus! We have started replacing the oldest Geaux Red bags starting with buildings around the Quad.



Leave No Trace The Bayou Teche Water Trail Hot Spot Week - Arnaudville, LA

October 26 - November 2

Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 27, Dupre Library Room 221, 3:00-5:30 pm

Leave No Trace is a national outdoor ethics program for public lands. This program promotes public education for responsible stewardship of public lands through targeted education, research, and outreach in the form of training sessions for individuals or groups of all ages, scheduled hikes and kayak trips, and Hot Spot weeks.

The Teche Project has partnered with Leave No Trace to raise awareness of environmental concerns in the Bayou Teche Water Trail by dedicating it as a Hot Spot. A Leave No Trace Hot Spot is a natural area that has negatively been impacted by recreational use. Although this is usually not done with the intent to harm the environment, it is important that the misuse of this area be addressed. Conditions found in this Bayou Teche Hot Spot include human impact such as excessive litter in the water and on land (this year alone, 3.17 tons of trash and debris have been removed from the Bayou by the Bayou Operations Program, a division of the Teche Project supported by bayou residents, local authorities, and volunteers).

To address these issues, Leave No Trace will conduct educational workshops to teach members of our community and anyone interested in visiting Bayou Teche Water Trail how to enjoy the great outdoors responsibly. These classes will be taught in the context of Bayou Teche and information will be directly relevant to the immediate site.

A workshop conducted by trainers from Leave No Trace will be hosted by UL's Students for Sustainability on Tuesday, October 27th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Dupre Library on the 2nd floor in the Staff Lounge room 221. This workshop is open and free to the public, so don't miss out!



National Food Day

Leave No Trace:
Bayou Teche Water
Trail Hot Spot

Game Day
Challenge!

LEED Certified
Student Union

Progress on
Campus

Tip of the Month

**PRESERVE THE
HARVEST**

If you eat locally or seasonally then you'll have to learn to preserve the harvest. Try canning, dehydrating, freezing, and lacto-fermentation.

check out
www.simplebites.net
for more tips!

Shout Outs!

A big thank-you to all who have contributed to our e-cycle program!

Here are the leaders for the month of September:

Graduate School
(Martin Hall)

Human Resources
(Martin Hall)

Student Cashier's Office
(The Union)

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



Ride your Bike to the Game!

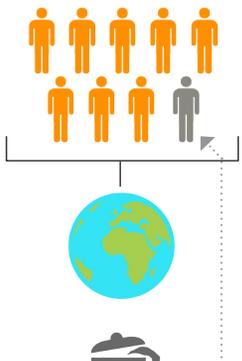
We are excited to announce that you can now park your bike at Cajun Field for football games! There will be bike racks set up near Gate E (the entrance closest to Cajundome Boulevard and Reinhardt Drive/Souvenir Gate). These bike racks will be stand-alone, so be sure to bring your own lock! Check out sustainability.louisiana.edu for the most protected bike route from UL's main campus to Cajun Field!



Sustainable Statistics

[F O O D]

There are approximately 7.2 billion people in the world, and 800 million people suffer from hunger.



1.3 billion tons of food are wasted every year.

1/4th of this wasted food could be used to feed the 800 million malnourished people.

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Game Day Challenge!

Please, **recycle** during all UL Football tailgates and games! Besides reducing our environmental impact by diverting tons of waste from landfills, we act as role models to the rest of our community by showing others how to be good stewards of our environment!

We also participate in the National Game Day Recycling Challenge! Last year, we placed 10th in the nation with a diversion rate of over 65%! This year, for the first homegame of the season, we achieved a 58% diversion rate! We are excited to be on our way to placing again for the 2015 season!



GEAUX R.E.D.

Recycle Everything Daily



sustainability.louisiana.edu

Look for this label on the green recycling bins at Cajun Field!



LEED-Certified Student Union

Green Building Tour of the Student Union

October 22 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We are proud to be home to the first LEED-Certified building in Lafayette, our own UL Student Union! What does it mean to be LEED-Certified? LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the US Green Building Council's green building certification program that assesses building strategies and practices utilized throughout the construction process. Our Student Union was classified within the "Building Design and Construction" category, where points were awarded in the following categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Material and Resources, Indoor Environmental Air Quality, and Innovation. This past June, the Student Union received LEED Silver designation.

To learn more about the specific design decisions that influenced scoring in the above mentioned categories, come by the Student Union on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. to attend a **Green Building Tour** of the building! Also, see how this key component fits into the University's Master Plan by Architects Southwest, which was awarded the InDesign Silver Award in 2013! Get there early around 5:30 p.m. to speak with members of Architects Southwest, The Lemoine Company, and our University's Facilities Team before the presentation at 6:00 p.m. A tour of the building will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public, so don't miss it!



Master Plan by Architects Southwest

Events

October 14 10:00-2:30 pm
Farmers Market
Student Union

October 22 6-7:30 pm
Green Building Tour of
the Student Union
FREE!

October 24
National Food Day

October 24
THE Big Event!

October 26 - November 2
Leave No Trace

Community

Oct. 17 11:30-6:00 pm
The Tech Project's
Shake Your Train
Feather Festival
Parc des Ponts de Pont Breaux

Oct. 18 10:00 am-8:00 pm
4th Annual Bayou
Vermilion Festival &
Boat Parade
Vermillionville

Oct. 24 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Bayou Vermilion District's
Better Block: 12th &
Surrey St. "LIVE"

Oct. 24 6:30 pm
Terror on the Teche
Spooky Story Telling &
Treats

Oct. 31
Trash Bash & Boogie
Bayou Teche Brewery
FREE!



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This is equivalent to 1 American consumer wasting almost **220 lbs of food** annually. Keep in mind that in North America, we typically waste **15 times more food** than a typical African consumer.

Food waste in Europe alone could feed **200 million malnourished people**.

What can we do as individuals to correct this? Although it seems like what we do at a local and even individual level can't possibly make a difference nationally or internationally, it can!

By eating sustainably, you can reduce food waste and decrease your impact on the environment.

Donate money or supplies to organizations working towards ending hunger locally, nationally, or internationally.

Volunteer for local organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank.

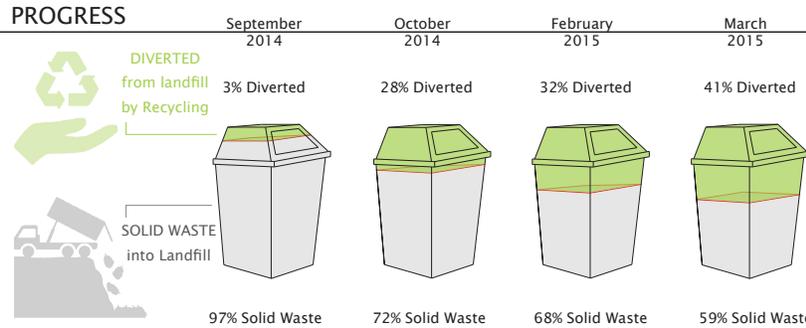
Don't waste food! Resist purchasing more groceries than you need, since these will end up in the trash.

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!

zero waste

Green Progress at UL

In 2014, we performed an audit of our existing solid waste and recycling disposal systems. We found faculty and staff were recycling far more than our capacity allowed. The graphic below shows the results of restructuring the disposal system and how much progress our University has made towards becoming more sustainable.



Although it is a big part of our focus here on campus, disposal is only one area in which we hope to make a change. We are currently in the process of developing a **Sustainability Plan** for UL that outlines specific goals and initiatives in the following categories:



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.

Stay Connected

[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

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