



New Way to Request an Ink Cartridge Pickup!

In order to make this process easier for you and more efficient overall, we created a webform on our webpage for you to fill out if you would like us to come pick up your ink cartridges!

This webform can be found at sustainability.louisiana.edu in the Find it Fast menu on the front page.

Of course, you can always call us with questions regarding pick ups or the E-cycle process in general!

SOUL Camp

At UL, we believe that community outreach and campus-community partnerships are just as important as conducting sustainable operations, academics and research on campus.

One way UL stays active in volunteering within the community is through SOUL (Service Outreach Unity Leadership) Camp, which is a unique experiential transition program that supplements new student orientation.

SOUL Camp offers incoming freshman unique opportunities to get involved in community service projects, educational speakers, social activities, team building activities, and much more!

Community service projects introduce the students to their community and the organizations that help make Lafayette an incredible place. The projects include working with organizations such as, Habitat for Humanity, Bayou

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Celebrations in June

World Environment Day June 6

World Environment Day, an initiative of the United Nations that began in 1974, has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. Its purpose is to encourage worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

This year's theme was 'Go Wild for Life: Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade' hosted by Angola. According to UNEP, the booming illegal trade in wildlife products is eroding Earth's precious biodiversity, robbing us of our natural heritage and pushing whole species towards extinction. "Angola is delighted to host World Environment Day, which will focus on an issue close to our hearts," said Angolan Environment Minister Maria de Fatima Jardim. "The illegal wildlife trade, particularly the trade in ivory and rhino horn, is a major problem across our continent. By hosting this day of celebration and awareness-raising, we aim to send a clear message that such practices will soon be eradicated."

Go to <http://www.wed2016.com> for more information on events and how to get involved!



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



World Oceans Day June 8



World Oceans Day, an initiative of The Ocean Project, is a global day of ocean celebration and collaboration for a better future that began in 2002 and was officially recognized by the United Nations in 2008.

The theme for 2015-2016 was "Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet," which encourages recognition of the ocean and all that it does for us! The ocean regulates the climate, feeds millions of people every year, produces most of the oxygen we breathe, is the home to an incredible array of

wildlife, provides us with important medicines, and so much more! Get involved by taking a #selfieforthesea backed by a promise to make a change to benefit the ocean, be part of the better bag challenge, or join #waveforchange by posting a video of you or a friend making your own pledges to support ocean conservation! Check out worldoceansday.org for more information on getting involved!

E-Cycle Progress Help us fulfill our goal!

Our E-Cycle Program has been very successful since we started two years ago! See our Progress Report for May 2016 (page 4), or on our website (sustainability.louisiana.edu/zero-waste). By donating your used ink or toner cartridges, not only do you recycle responsibly and help reduce the overall waste stream, you also help raise money for the Campus Sustainability Fund! We partner with Funding Factory, the leading fundraising-thru-recycling company in the continental United States to refurbish or recycle the cartridges. In return, Funding Factory donates funds for qualifying cartridges to our Campus Sustainability Fund at the UL Foundation.

Money from the Campus Sustainability Fund goes towards sustainability initiatives such as purchasing recycling bins for University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus and athletic facilities. It also goes towards funding events such as the University's Fête de la Terre annual Earth Day Celebration!

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Tip of the Month

Stay active this summer by visiting Lafayette's most scenic recreational areas!

Kayak in Lake Martin, explore the Acadiana Park and Nature Station Hiking Trail, hang out at the Park at the Horse Farm, bike the Atakapa-Ishak Trail, or paddle the Vermilion River!

Some great resources for outdoor activities in the area include LATrail.org, bayouvermilliondistrict.org, or bayoutecheexperience.com!



Vermilion District, Downtown Lafayette, and Project Front Yard.

SOUL Camp is separated into groups A, B, and C. The dates for each are:

- Camp A - Aug. 6-9
- Camp B - Aug. 11-14
- Camp C - Aug. 16-19

To learn more about how to get involved in SOUL Camp, visit orientation.louisiana.edu/soul-camp/



Bayou Teche Oil Spill



An oil spill was reported March 29 along the edge of Bayou Teche near Charenton, where an estimated 11,500 gallons of crude oil overflowed from a PSC Industrial Outsourcing tank. The EPA took over site clean up.

An informative public meeting will be held to answer questions about the Bayou Teche oil spill and its potential after effects on the Bayou Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chitimacha Tribal School Gymnasium, 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA. Hosting this meeting will be the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana,

We have set a goal to raise \$2,500 through Funding Factory by July 1, 2017! Help us reach this goal by continuing to send us your cartridges. The easiest way to request a pickup on campus is by filling out the E-Cycle Pickup Request webform that can be found on our website in the Find it Fast menu.

If you know of a local company or business that would like to donate to our cause through recycling their empty ink/toner cartridges, have them contact us!



The Importance of Pollinators

And the disturbing reality of their disappearance

During the summer, you may see many bees, wasps, and other insects swarming about! Before you dismiss these little guys completely, try to understand how important these and other pollinating animals and insects are to us! Did you know that you can credit these small creatures for lots of the food you enjoy daily? Pollination occurs

when pollen is moved within flowers or carried from flower to flower by these pollinating animals, other animals, or by the wind. This leads to fertilization and successful seed and fruit production for plants.

Pollinators may be birds, bees, bats, butterflies, wasps, or beetles, just to name a few! Without them, roughly 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines we use would not be available to us. Some of these include apples, blueberries, chocolate, coffee, melons, peaches, potatoes, pumpkins, vanilla, almonds, and tequila. According to NAPPC (North American Pollinator Protection Campaign), in the United States alone, pollination by honey bees, native bees, and other insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually.

Sadly, there are many pollinators that are federally considered "listed species," and this means that there is evidence of their disappearance in natural areas. This may be due to loss of their habitats, chemical misuse, introduced and invasive plant and animal species, and diseases and parasites.

The Pollinator Partnership, an initiative of the NAPPC, aims to help people protect pollinators to ensure healthy ecosystems and food security. Visit pollinator.org to gain access to the resources they offer through their website such as gardening guides and apps, books and pamphlets and to see what you can do to help protect our pollinators!

Summer DIY Projects

Green your home!

Plant a Pollinator Garden

Pollinator.org has excellent resources if you are wanting to plant a pollinator garden in your own yard! Some native vegetation that attracts pollinators in our area include plants like Sunflowers, Irises, Silky Camellias, and American Wisteria just to name a few. For step by step information on how to plant your very own pollinator garden, visit www.pollinator.org/guides.htm!



Install Rain Barrels at Home

By positioning rain barrels under downspouts you can collect enough run-off to significantly cut your outdoor watering bill while conserving water! Use collected water to water your lawn and garden, to wash your car, or on other outdoor projects! For guided instructions on how to easily install rain barrels, visit www.diynetwork.com.



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!

As always, thank you to those who send us used electronics and ink/toner cartridges! We have had such a successful year so far with this initiative to recycle E-Waste!

When the E-Cycle initiative was launched in 2014, we recycled a total of 402 lbs. of cartridges. In 2015, we were able to recycle 1,817 lbs. of cartridges! As of April, we have already recycled about 475 lbs.!

It is important to properly recycle electronic waste! Not only can resources such as plastic and aluminum be recovered, but when these types of materials make it to the landfill, they take thousands of years to decompose!

Check out our website (sustainability.louisiana.edu) to learn more about our e-cycle program!



in partnership with TECHÉ Project and LEAN (Louisiana Environmental Action Network).

Geaux Vélo Reminders

Make sure to return your bike to the **same station** you borrowed it from!

TO UNLOCK:

- Insert key into slot on left side of bike
- Turn key and the lock will slide open

The **key remains in the lock** while you ride the bike! It stays in the lock until you need to either:

- lock the bike
- return the bike

TO LOCK:

- Turn the key towards you
- While the key is turned, slide the lock button down until it clicks
- Remove key

Geaux Vélo bikes are for everyone, so remember to take your trash out of the basket so the bike is left in proper condition for the next person!

Carefully review all of the safety information in the Geaux Vélo orientation and online at park.louisiana.edu/bike-information

ALWAYS wear a helmet. Wear reflective clothing and ride in groups after sunset. Make sure tail lights and headlights are properly working.

Ride Geaux Vélo bikes to places off campus like downtown or the oil center! We always love to see the bikes being used around the city, as bicycling is an Eco-friendly alternative method of transportation!



Create Outdoor Decor Using Recycled Wine Bottles
Instead of throwing your bottles away, save them to create beautiful pieces of art right in your back yard! Check out <http://www.woohome.com/diy-2/19-easy-diy-ideas-decorate-outdoor-space-with-wine-bottles> for many different projects and ideas that may work for your yard!

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Several users contacted us during the month of May regarding difficulties with signing up and payments. We have been working with our suppliers to fix these issues. Users that have experienced issues with failed charges should have received an email containing further explanation. These issues have since been resolved, and thank you for your patience!

Please, email us with any questions or concerns you may have! As always, thanks again for riding with us! Tell us - How do you Geaux Vélo by using #ULGeauxVelo on social media! If you have not yet registered to become a member, go to geauxvelobikeshare.com to register now for free!

Report any issue with your bike to info@geauxvelobikeshare.com, and if you see someone misusing a Geaux Velo bike, please let us know! These bikes are for everyone, and we would like to keep them in the best condition possible!



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](https://www.instagram.com/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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Stay Connected

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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



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!

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

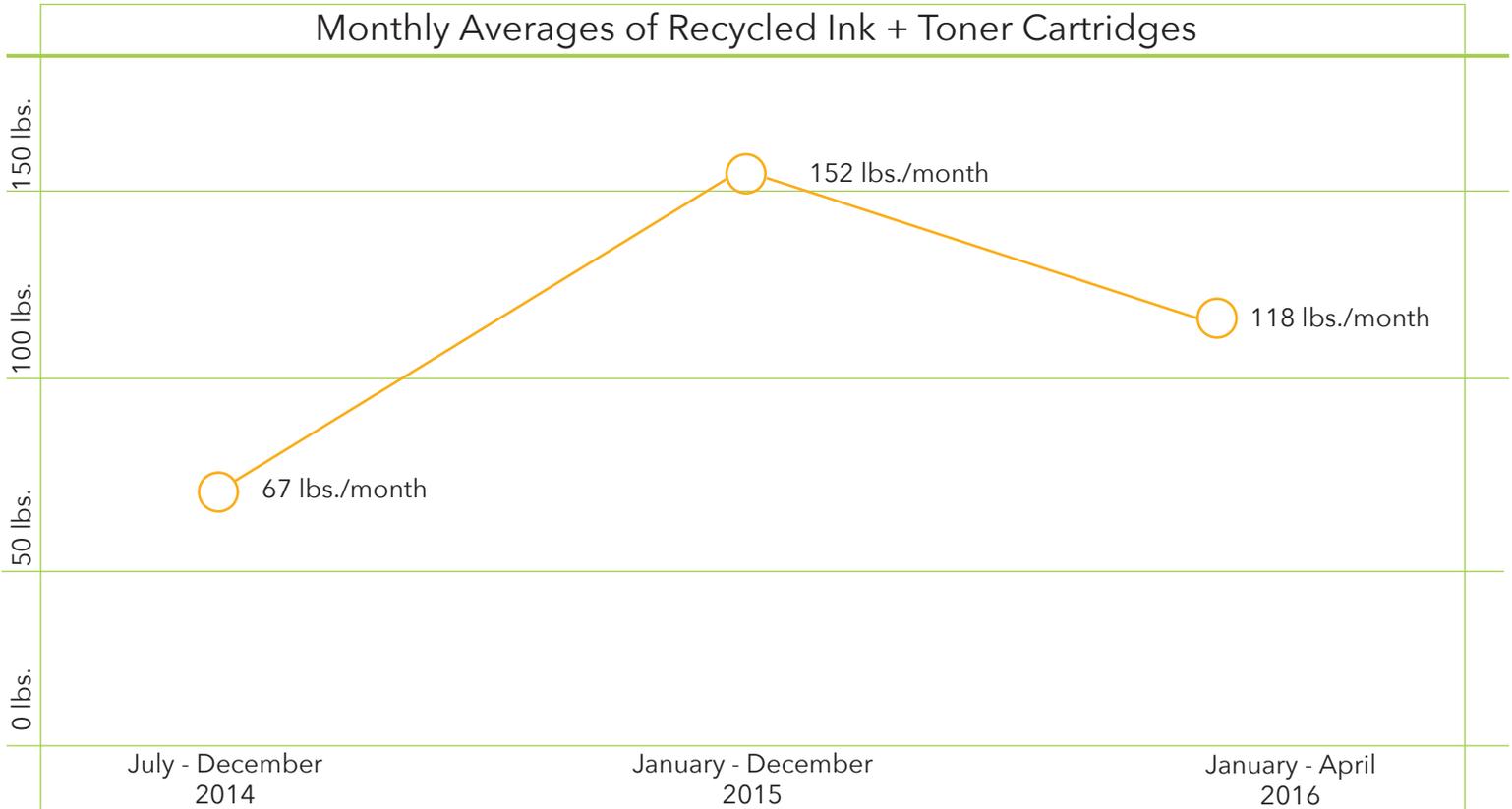
Feel free to contact us with questions or comments!

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Progress Report: May 2016

Monthly Averages of Recycled Ink + Toner Cartridges



Materials Recovered in Pounds

	Aluminum	Plastic	Steel	Nylon	Copper
July - Dec. 2014	2 lbs.	27 lbs.	24 lbs.	2 lbs.	0 lbs.
Jan. - Dec. 2015	8 lbs.	85 lbs.	66 lbs.	6 lbs.	1 lb.
Jan. - April 2016	3 lbs.	15 lbs.	11 lbs.	1 lb.	0 lbs.

By the Year
Number of Units + Weight

	Toner	Ink Jet
July - Dec. 2014	576 units 402 lbs	18 units 0 lbs
Jan. - Dec. 2015	851 units 1,817 lbs	210 units 6 lbs
Jan. - April 2016	207 units 475 lbs	64 units 0 lbs

GOAL

Divert 200 lbs. per month of empty ink and toner cartridges from the waste stream through our E-Cycle program.