

CSUSM  
**SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE**  
FOR FACULTY & STAFF

2023-2024



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# Facts about Sustainability at CSUSM



Our campus has a goal of being Zero Waste by 2025.

CSUSM currently has 129 courses that integrate sustainability themes and concepts into the curriculum.



The Sustainable Food Project Garden, Cougar Pantry, and fresh fruit trees on campus are initiatives put in place to reduce food insecurity.

There are 50 **Hydration Stations** on campus for chilled filtered water. As of 8/14/2023, we've avoided more than 4,000,000 20oz plastic bottles!



In 2023, we diverted 775 lbs of food, 8450 lbs of Goodwill items, 818 lbs of kitchen re-use items, and 531 lbs of clothes through the Move Out Program!





# TIPS TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE

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## Zero Waste by 2025

Remember your reusable items: water bottles, coffee cups, utensils, straws, bags, etc.



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## Inclusive Sustainability Efforts

Integrate, promote, and advance an inclusive, equitable, diverse, and healthy campus culture across all levels of the institution.



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## Alternative Transportation

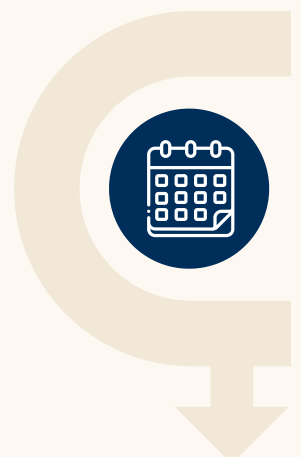
Get around town and to campus via the SPRINTER, Breeze bus, carpool, bike / e-bike, zipcar, and more.



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## Incorporate meatless meals

Participate in Meatless Monday to save 133 gallons of water and 8 pounds of carbon each week.



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## Sustainable Purchasing

When considering a purchase:

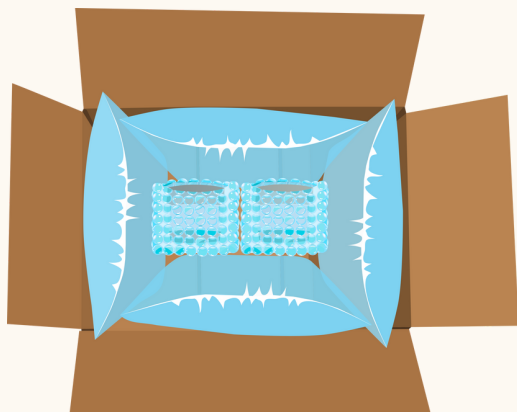
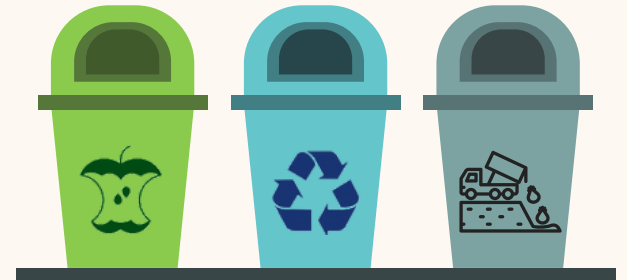
- Is it necessary? Can I borrow it?
- What is the lifecycle of the item?
- How was it made and how does it get disposed?





## ZERO WASTE ON CAMPUS

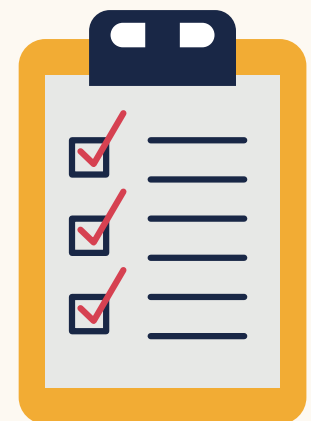
An important way to make an impact and achieve our goal of Zero Waste by 2025 is to properly sort waste on campus. This entails putting food scraps and soiled paper in the compost, recyclable cardboard, plastic, and aluminum in the recycling, and other items in the landfill.



Did you know that you can recycle soft plastics and plastic films from campus? We partnered with a company that turns soft plastics into decking material through Trex. You can recycle plastic wrap, plastic bags, and other items like bubble wrap in yellow bins on campus. Learn more [here](#).

Diverting campus supplies is one of the ways the Sustainability Program helps CSUSM reduce waste. You can schedule to pick up extra office supplies from us and we also pick up your unwanted supplies.

Use [this form](#) to schedule a pickup or contact us!



Volunteer with us! Engage with the campus community all year during Move In/Out and our Journey to Zero Waste Fair to collect then distribute clothes, furniture, and office supplies. Email [sustainability@csusm.edu](mailto:sustainability@csusm.edu) to get involved.



# Get involved with Sustainability



**Sign up** for our free newsletter and stay up to date with Sustainability events through social media. We post opportunities, success stories, sustainability tips, & more: [Instagram](#) • [TikTok](#) • [Twitter/X](#) • [@sustaincsusm](#)



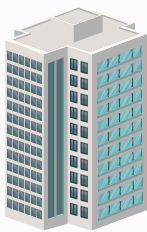
Review the CSUSM [Sustainability Master Plan](#) and the CSU System [Sustainability Policy](#). These documents help us identify the ways in which we can achieve CSU's goals for sustainability.



Consider teaching or hosting virtual meetings and classes to reduce carbon footprint. At CSUSM, there are 129 [sustainability courses](#) in 30+ areas of study at CSUSM.



Help us graduate sustainability leaders across all majors: Curricular and Co-Curricular Efforts are underway. Contact us if you are interested in creating curriculum infused with sustainability.



Reach out to us by email, phone, social media, or stop by the the Administration Building in suite 4700. We appreciate any and all faculty and staff who want to participate in sustainability efforts.



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