



Zero Waste

We're committed to not just recycling, but reducing our waste overall.

Our Zero Waste initiative includes efforts to reduce food waste, recycle electronics and office supplies on campus, install bottle-refilling water fountains, and increase recycling from tailgating with the national Gameday Challenge.

Zero Waste also includes our overall recycling program, **Geaux R.E.D.**, which spans across campus.

ZERO WASTE



At the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, we are taking a stand against waste. A Zero Waste philosophy is not just about recycling, it is about reducing our waste stream altogether. We have many programs on campus that help us achieve this goal. These programs include **Geaux R.E.D.**, E-Cycle, S.W.A.P. Shop, One Less Bottle, Gameday Challenge, Goodwill Not Landfill, and Food Recovery Network.

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Sustainability is in our Roots.

At the turn of the 20th century, the first president of the University, Dr. Edwin Lewis Stephens, hand-planted live oaks on campus. Now known as the Century Oaks, these majestic trees symbolize UL Lafayette's strength and stability. Our University's values are deeply rooted in the Cajun and Creole cultures of our Acadiana region. These values strongly connect us to our environment and communities, and influence our inclination toward collaboration to solve problems. We value the right of each person to have the resources he or she needs to live and thrive. **At a time when resource and economic efficiency is more important than ever, we must all commit to do more, together.**

Our 2018-2021 Sustainability Strategic Plan sets out strategic, time constrained objectives that will guide the entire University community in continuing our steady progress toward achieving our sustainability goals. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators worked together to incorporate principles of sustainability and strategies for progress into all areas of our institution, including our operations, our mission of education and research, and engagement of our campus community. In working to achieve our goals, we will utilize our campus and region as a living laboratory to inform and inspire our students, faculty, staff and community to create positive, systemic changes for a sustainable future. **This plan is holistic, ambitious, and essential to the sustainability of our institution and community.**



NEWS

April 23rd, 2019
Student Designed Masterplan Wins 1st Place in National EPA Challenge

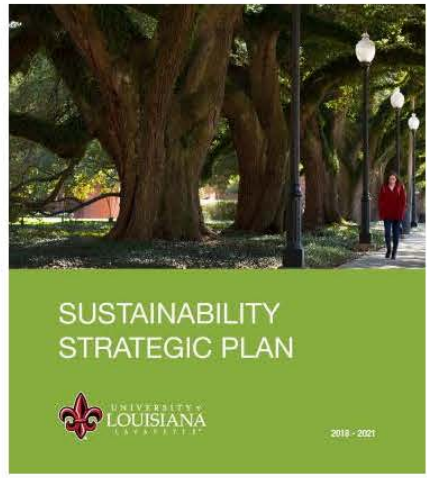


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Sustainability Blog

Fête de la Terre Partner Profile: LUS

Monica Rowand -- Wed, 04/24/2019 - 10:44am



We are proud to have LUS on board as a Seedling Partner of Fête de la Terre this year!

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Fête de la Terre Partner Profile: Republic Services

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The Office of Sustainability is very fortunate to have Republic Services as the Official Zero Waste Partner of Fête de la Terre!

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University Team takes 1st Place in EPA National Rainworks Challenge

Blair Begnaud -- Tue, 04/23/2019 - 1:02pm



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