Green Offices at Emory
Encouraging sustainable work spaces

HIGHLIGHTS

Emory’s sustainability goals rely on the commitment of its thousand of employees to choose sustainable behaviors while at work and getting around campus. Green Offices at Emory is a voluntary program designed to assist employees in improving the sustainability of Emory’s work spaces.

The program focuses on energy and water efficiency and conservation, recycling and waste reduction, procurement, sustainable events, a safe and healthy work environment, and creating a culture of office sustainability.

Green Offices at Emory launched campus-wide in 2016 and advances Emory toward key sustainability goals including eliminating bottled water from events by 2025, exclusive use of zero landfill waste caterers, and reducing the total university campus energy use by 25 percent.

BENEFITS

- Candler School of Theology converted six existing water fountains to bottle filling stations to assist in the transition away from plastic disposable water bottles at Candler events.
- Miller-Ward Alumni House saves energy with motion sensor lighting in public restrooms and reduces waste with a rechargeable battery system for the public A/V equipment and the busy alumni photographer’s camera.
- Student Digital Life improved recycling and composting equipment to complete a comprehensive Cox Hall landfill diversion program begun in January 2016.

HOW IT WORKS

Step 1: Learn what sustainable actions your office can adopt, and tell us what you’re already doing, by filling out the Green Offices at Emory Checklist on Microsoft Forms and consulting both the companion Green Offices at Emory Guidance Document and the Checklist Word Document.

Step 2: Earn Recognition for taking action to make more sustainable choices in your office. The Green Offices at Emory Team will review your checklist and award your office with a certification level. Certified offices receive recognition and visible office signage to display.

Step 3: Apply for funding to implement the actions on your checklist and new innovations by submitting a Green Office Incentives Fund Application. Applications for 2022-2023 are now CLOSED.

Learn more about ways to receive funding through OSI.

54 Sustainable Events, Green Offices, and Green Labs certified in 2020

$4,153 awarded in FY 2021 for Green Office small grants
LEARN MORE

Apply for up to $5,000 in funding!

Applications for the Green Office Incentives fund are open to all University and Healthcare work spaces. The current applications for 2022-2023 are closed.

What are other offices doing?

Read more about how participating Green Offices at Emory, as well as Green Labs and the community at large, are achieving Emory’s 2025 Sustainability Vision here.

What’s new?

Sign up for the Green Office Newsletter here.

Wondering where our waste goes?

Check out our Follow the Waste campaign to learn more about the environmental justice concerns relating to waste.

QUESTIONS?

Contact greenoffices@emory.edu for help with Green Offices certification, to request signage and decals, and for assistance implementing sustainable actions in your office.