

## Emory College 2017 Student Sustainability Guide

### *Sustainability information for New Students*

Welcome to Emory from the Office of Sustainability Initiatives! We are excited that each of you has decided to join our Emory community. Emory's sustainability vision is to help restore the global ecosystem, foster healthy living, and reduce the University's impact on the local environment. We have initiatives incorporating sustainability into curriculum and research, green building and greenspace protection, energy conservation, waste reduction, water conservation, sustainable food, commute alternatives, health and wellness, climate action, procurement, and more.

#### Living Sustainably at Emory

- **Sustainable Shopping List**
  - You can make a difference before you even step foot on campus by bringing items that encourage sustainable behaviors, use less energy and water, and are made from recycled and/or sustainable materials. As you prepare to move to Emory, check-out our [sustainable shopping list](#) and be a conscious consumer.
- **Move-in Waste Management Information**
  - Review the [Move-In Recycling Information](#) for tips and info about waste minimization and how to recycle before, during, and after move-in.
  - Emory recycles white paper, mixed paper, plastics (including chip bags, Ziploc bags, granola bar wrappers and other snack wrapper waste), tin, steel, glass, aluminum, and cardboard. **Still not sure what can be recycled?** Check out this [guide](#).
  - **Composting** is available in most dining locations and in some other campus buildings. **ALL** food waste (including meat, bones, dairy), soiled paper products (e.g. napkins, paper plates), and items labeled 'compostable' (such as to-go containers) can be placed in compost bins. Emory uses the finished compost in some semi-annual planting beds around campus. Check out this [guide](#) for more information.
  - For more information about recycling or composting visit Emory Recycles' [website](#).
- **Want to join a student group?**
  - Visit us at the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Showcase** at 1-2pm on Tuesday, August 22<sup>rd</sup>, in the main lobby of [Hamilton E. Holmes Hall](#) to learn about the variety of sustainability-related student groups on campus. Free [King of Pops](#) popsicles for all attendees! If you can't make the Showcase, check out a list of sustainability-related student groups [here](#).
- **Food**
  - Emory is proud to work with **Bon Appétit Management Company** for food service in Emory's dining halls and retail facilities. Bon Appétit is committed to achieving Emory's goal of procuring 75% of its food from local or sustainable sources by 2025. Learn more about Emory's sustainable food initiatives [here](#).
  - **Emory Farmers Market:** Each Tuesday when school is in session, Emory hosts a farmers market on the Cox Hall Bridge from 11am-3pm. The market features local produce, organic and sustainable meat, bread, honey and other artisan products. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up for the market newsletter [here](#).

- The **Oxford College Farm** is a USDA certified organic farm located on Emory's Oxford campus! Not only is this a great place to visit but it also offers a CSA (community supported agriculture) program with produce from the farm. You can sign up [here](#) to pick up produce at either the Oxford campus or on the Atlanta campus. To learn more about the farm, check it out [here](#).
- Want to learn to grow your own food organically? Consider joining the [Emory Educational Garden Project](#). Students, faculty and staff gather for weekly workdays in our eight small plots scattered around the campus to learn to grow seasonal produce and flowers together. The project is led by a Garden Coordinator but run almost entirely by volunteers. You can join the listserv by emailing [gardens@emory.edu](mailto:gardens@emory.edu).
- **How to get around town**
  - Emory's [Cliff Shuttles](#) run on biofuel made from our dining facilities and hospital's used cooking oil and are free to all riders. [Live maps](#) of shuttle locations are posted online as well as on the Emory Mobile smartphone application or Transloc application.
  - You can buy or rent a bike through [Bike Emory](#). They offer discounts on bikes to all students through Fuji Bikes and the support of a local bike shop, [Bicycle South](#). Bike racks are located across campus. Don't forget to lock your bike with a u-lock and wear your helmet! The [Emory Spokes Council](#), a graduate student group, runs an on-campus bike repair shop to teach students how to repair their bikes.
  - [Enterprise CarShare](#) has cars located all around campus including Clairmont's Starvine Deck, the Michael Street Deck, the Peavine Deck, Oxford's campus, and more! Enterprise CarShare has options to rent a car hourly, daily, and overnight allowing you to use a car when you need it so you won't have to bring your car to campus!
  - The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority ([MARTA](#)) is another option to get around the city by bus or train.
- **Academic Opportunities**
  - Emory has a [Sustainability Minor](#) that students can complete. This minor falls under the Interdisciplinary Studies department but has professors from a lot of departments teaching classes.
  - Emory's [Environmental Science Department](#) also offers a [Sustainability Sciences Minor](#) as well as joint undergraduate and masters programs. The Environmental Science Department also has interesting study abroad programs, which you can browse [here](#).
  - For more information on sustainability in Emory's curriculum and faculty involvement in sustainability research, visit [here](#).

### Emory's Sustainability Commitments & Initiatives

- For more information about the Office of Sustainability's work and Emory's plan to reach future sustainability goals, browse our [Sustainability Vision](#) and visit [www.sustainability.emory.edu](http://www.sustainability.emory.edu).
- **Office of Sustainability newsletter**
  - To be added to the Office of Sustainability's email newsletter and receive weekly campus and community events and resources, click [here](#).

- **Campus Sustainability Tour**
  - Want to explore sustainability features of Emory with other new students and the Office of Sustainability Initiatives? Join us for a **campus sustainability tour on Sunday, August 20, from 5-6pm!** Meet at the clock tower outside of Cox Hall.
  
- **[Emory as Place video](#)**
  - The Emory as Place Initiative inspires the Emory community to respond ethically and sustainably to the challenges of today and tomorrow. This video explores how the places we inhabit, our living systems, built environments, human histories and values shape our identities and actions.
  
- **Other Sustainable Initiatives**
  - The [WaterHub](#) is a water recycling system on Emory University's campus, which utilizes eco-engineering processes to clean wastewater for future, non-potable uses. Emory's WaterHub is capable of recycling up to 400,000 gallons per day –nearly 40% of Emory's total campus water needs. The WaterHub is the first system of its kind to be installed in the United States! You can sign up for a free, weekly, public tour [here](#).
  - Emory is the largest participant in the [Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge \(ABBC\)](#) with more than 6.5 million square feet enrolled in the competition. This initiative was established by the U.S. Department of Energy and with the work from the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Sustainability Emory is working to achieve the ABBC goal of reducing energy and water consumption by at least 20% by 2020.
  - Emory has **competitions** throughout the year to encourage sustainable behavior! The winners receive \$1,000 to use toward a sustainability-related prize. These competitions recognize a residence hall as well as an academic/administrative building.
    - The [Energy Competition](#) which takes place every October recognizes the buildings that decrease their energy usage by the largest percentage. In 2016, the competition saved 274,945 kilowatt hours of energy. That amount of energy is enough to power 25 homes for a year!
    - The [Recycling Competition](#) taking place in November works to bring awareness to the importance of recycling. The competition sponsored by both the Office of Sustainability Initiatives and Emory Recycles diverts thousands of pounds of waste from landfills. In November of 2015, the winning buildings diverted an additional 7,580 pounds!
  - Emory's **Don't Dump It, Donate it!** campaign gives students the opportunity to donate any unwanted goods when they're moving out of their dorms. These goods are collected and the proceeds go to support local charities and nonprofits. Instead of throwing unwanted items in the landfill, they are used to support those in need.