

A sustainable community is one in which economic, social, and environmental systems provide a healthy, productive, and meaningful life for all residents, present and future.



LEARN ABOUT EMORY'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS

Emory's 2025 Sustainability Vision includes

- 95% of waste diverted from landfills by 2025
- 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; net zero emissions by 2050

The **Break Free from Plastic Pledge** outlines a plan to reduce single use plastics on Emory's Atlanta and Oxford campuses

In October 2021, students convinced President Fenves to join the **Race to Zero** & the **Second Nature Climate Leadership Network**.

On October 2023, Emory published its **2023 Climate Action Plan** after more than a year of stakeholder engagement.

WASTE



WHERE SHOULD MY WASTE GO?



GREEN COMPOST BINS

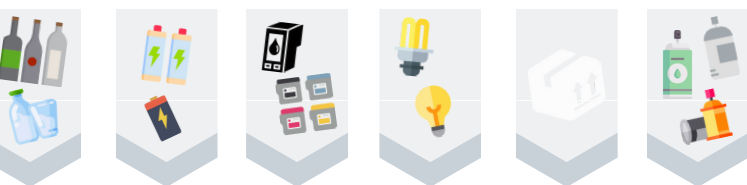
ALL ORGANIC material (e.g. food, used napkins & tissues, and labelled "compostables" such as GREEN utensils & paper to-go containers from Emory Dining Locations.

SEPARATE YOUR WASTE - DON'T SORT IN HASTE
Plastic containers and bags with food in them cannot be composted.



COMPOST HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS

Emory provides a collection area for materials that are **harder to recycle** and cannot be placed in the blue recycle bins. These bins are located in Raoul west lobby and in most major buildings on campus.



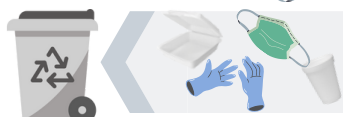
BLUE RECYCLE BINS

ALL INORGANIC material (e.g. chip bags, snack wrappers, plastic utensils, plastic film, plastic & metal containers to-go food containers, and all other single-use plastic items).

BLACK LANDFILL BINS

Only food grade styrofoam, disposable masks, sanitary wipes, disposable gloves, used baby diapers, cat litter and dog waste.

DISPOSABLE MASKS, WIPES, AND GLOVES MUST BE PLACED IN THE LANDFILL BINS TO PROTECT EMORY'S STAFF AND VENDORS.



LANDFILL

KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES!
Sanitary wipes should never be flushed, as they clog sewer pipes.

RESIDENCE HALL WASTE MANAGEMENT

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

1
OPT FOR ZERO WASTE. Instead of packing paper, plastic wrap & styrofoam peanuts, wrap fragile items in your towels & bedding.



2
Communicate with your roommate prior to arriving on campus to AVOID DUPLICATION OF ITEMS PURCHASED for your room.

3
Pack in REUSABLE CRATES, BOXES, and BAGS. Save them for Move-Out.

4
Consider BUYING SECOND-HAND, previously-loved items at bargain prices from local second-hand shops.



MOVE IN DAY

1
EMPTY AND FLATTEN cardboard boxes. Save undamaged boxes for move-out.

2
Bring UNWANTED BOXES AND STYROFOAM to designated areas labeled "Cardboard" and "Styrofoam" outside of your residence hall.

3
Place ALL OTHER RECYCLABLES in the dedicated recycling space in your hall. If you need help locating them, ask your RA or SA!

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

1
Your room is supplied with one BLUE RECYCLE BIN. Fill this bin with recyclables and carry it to the central waste station in your hall to sort into the correct waste streams.

2
Collect food scraps and napkins in your room, preferably in a paper bag. Sort them into the GREEN COMPOST BINS located in the recycling room or kitchen.

3
Be CONSCIOUS and INFORMED about the items you purchase! Only buy what you need and opt for REUSABLE bags, mugs, bottles, and utensils over single-use items.

BLUE TOILET WATER NOTICE

DO NOT FLUSH AWAY BLUE TOILET WATER IN RAOUL HALL!
The water is dyed blue to mark reclaimed water from Emory's **WaterHub**, an on-site water recycling facility.



MOVE OUT DAY

1
DONATE sealed, non-perishable food in donation trucks. COMPOST opened, perishable food in the GREEN COMPOST BINS.

2
Opt to donate items as part of the **DON'T DUMP IT, DONATE IT** Program. Bins and collection trucks are located all over campus during Move-Out. All donations divert waste from landfills, while benefiting an area nonprofit.

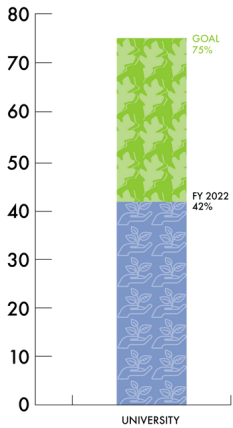
For more information, see the [Recycling & Composting at Emory Guide](#).

FOOD & DINING



While eating on campus, you have access to nutritious, diverse, and delicious options that keep you full and support local, sustainable food systems.

Sustainable and Local Food Purchases



EMORY DINING SUSTAINABLE FOOD PURCHASES

By 2025, Emory University aims to purchase 75% of its food from local and/or sustainable sources.



3 EMORY'S EIGHT EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

The gardens provide free produce and hands-on experience growing your own food. Email gardens@emory.edu to learn about volunteer work days and what's in season.

4 EAGLE FOOD CO-OP

Campus Life supports a free food co-op at Bread Coffeehouse. Students can [request food](#), including produce from the Educational Gardens.

5 EMORY OXFORD COLLEGE ORGANIC FARM

The certified organic farm offers a program in which subscribers receive a weekly box filled with fresh, local produce. Sign up today and visit the farm on Emory's Oxford campus.

MAKE SURE TO VISIT

1 EMORY DINING LOCATIONS

Emory Dining serves the most local & sustainable food on campus.

2 EMORY FARMERS MARKET

The Emory Farmers Market runs on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on McDonough Plaza. The Emory Farmers Market allows Emory to support the local small businesses and enjoy delicious, local food.

TRANSPORTATION

SUSTAINABLE COMMUTE OPTIONS



CLIFF SHUTTLES

Shuttles are free to all riders commuting on campus. They run on biofuel made from fryer oil and grease collected from our dining facilities! [Download the Passio Go app to locate your next ride.](#)

TRAIL NETWORK

Paved paths offer a safe, off-road option for cyclists and pedestrians and encourage sustainable commuting.

BIKE EMORY

Emory offers a bike rental program, an on-campus repair shop & station, and student groups that [foster bike culture!](#)

SHARE THE RIDE

Grab a friend and share the ride! Save the need for unnecessary travel costs through carpooling.

WALK OR ROLL

The [Sustainability Map](#) outlines sustainability features on campus to explore. If you are able, opt to take the stairs over the elevator when inside.

ACADEMICS



Integrating sustainability into the academic realm is a priority at Emory. Currently, 59% of departments offer a sustainability-related course, and 95% of students report an increase in sustainability-related knowledge during their time at Emory.

MINORS & CONCENTRATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

This minor is completed through the Department of German Studies. Students are required to take 2 core courses and at least 4 elective courses for a total of 20 credit hours. Students have the opportunity to engage in research through the mandatory Capstone Seminar.

SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCES MINOR

This minor is completed through the Department of Environmental Sciences (ENVS). Students are required to take 2 foundation courses, a methods course, 3 electives from ENVS course offerings of natural & social sciences, and a practicum course.

CONCENTRATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

This concentration is available through the Goizueta Business School for BBA students and Environmental Science majors. It requires students to take two core courses and two electives outside of their major program, and a capstone course.

GET INVOLVED

STUDENT GROUP ORGANIZATIONS

Emory has student groups that focus on sustainable food, social justice, wellness, climate action, and more! Click the header to find a complete list of the many active student groups.

BECOME A ZERO WASTE AMBASSADOR

Join Emory community members who are actively promoting a campus culture that prioritizes reducing and diverting waste through peer-to-peer waste education. [Apply to become a trained ambassador this school year.](#)

SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE INCENTIVES FUND

The Office of Sustainability offers small grants to empower the Emory community to implement new ideas and research that foster sustainable practices.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES INTERNSHIP

Interns support research, benchmarking, implementation, and outreach in the OSI initiatives of energy, water, waste, green building, climate solutions, and others.

REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Emory is a leader of the Greater Atlanta RCE, a network committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Join the RCE today.](#)

CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

Participating in the Sustainable Events Certification program provides access to guidance on sustainable event planning, recognition for your efforts, and an opportunity to win a \$100 Emory Catering gift card each year!

EMORY VOTES INITIATIVE

Emory Votes Initiative supports, informs, and empowers voters in the Emory community! Visit their website to learn more about local and national elections and to get important voter registration information!

