

SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE 2026

EMORY

Graduate & Professional Students

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.



TRANSPORTATION

[Emory Transportation](#) provides many [options](#) for commuting sustainably.

EMORY SHUTTLES

[Shuttles](#) are free to all riders commuting to/from and on campus. Some are electric and some run on [biofuel](#) from fryer oil and grease collected from our dining facilities. Track your next shuttle using the [live map](#).

TRAIL NETWORK

Paved paths, like those of the [Emory PATH](#), offer a safe, off-road option for cyclists and pedestrians and encourage sustainable commuting.



APPLY FOR A FREE 20-RIDE MARTA PASS

Alternatively, [purchase a monthly MARTA pass](#) for \$33.50 per month (thanks to Graduate Student Government Association!)

LEARN ABOUT EMORY'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS

Emory published its [Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan](#), which outlines climate action goals such as:

- Achieving zero landfill waste goal, and
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030; net-zero emissions by 2050.

In October 2023, Emory honored its [climate commitments](#) by publishing its 2023 Climate Action Plan and [Resilience Assessment](#). The plan and assessment offer recommendations to guide Emory on its path to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and bolstering community resilience.

With the [Break Free from Plastic Pledge](#), Emory is working to reduce single-use plastics on the Atlanta & Oxford campuses. Find updates and ways to get involved [here](#).

BIKE EMORY

Emory offers a bike rental program, on-campus repair shop (the Fixie), fix-it stations, and student groups that [foster bike culture](#).

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Level 1 and Level 2 stations are [located across campus](#). Level 1 is available at Starvine parking deck, Michael Street deck, Fishburne parking deck, and Gatewood parking deck, and Level 2 is available at Clairmont Tower, in Peavine parking deck, and on Oxford Rd.

FOOD & DINING



[On-campus dining](#) offers nutritious, diverse, and delicious options that keep you full and support local, sustainable food systems.

EMORY DINING SUSTAINABLE & LOCAL FOOD PURCHASES

Emory University consistently leads higher education in its aims to purchase food from local and/or sustainable sources, including 40% of all purchases in 2024.



MAKE SURE TO VISIT:

1 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.

2 EMORY DINING

[Emory Dining](#) serves the most local & sustainable food across campus. Find locations and menus [here](#).

3 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.

4 EMORY'S EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

The [eight gardens](#) provide free produce and hands-on experience growing your own food. Email [gardens@emory.edu](#) to learn about volunteering and what's in season.

5 FOOD SECURITY RESOURCES

Within Emory and metro Atlanta, there are [many resources](#) that support student food security.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:



[SUSTAINABILITY.EMORY.EDU](#)

WASTE



Waste is a crucial part of living sustainably on-campus. This guide will help you determine [where your waste should go](#):



BLUE RECYCLE BINS

Items such as plastic & metal containers, to-go food containers, and all other single-use plastic items. Materials should be as clean as reasonable.

BLACK LANDFILL BINS

For soiled food grade styrofoam, disposable masks, sanitary wipes, disposable gloves, used baby diapers, cat litter and dog waste and multi-material items.



LANDFILL

KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES!

Sanitary wipes should never be flushed, as they clog sewer pipes.

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



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. No plastic, metal, etc.



COMPOST

SEPARATE YOUR WASTE, DON'T SORT IN HASTE

Plastic containers and bags with food in them cannot be composted.

HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS

Emory provides a collection area for materials that are harder to recycle and cannot be placed in the blue recycling bins. These bins are located in most [major buildings on campus](#).



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

GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to [get involved](#), including:



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'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES INTERNSHIP

Interns support research, benchmarking, implementation, and outreach in the OSI initiatives of energy, water, waste, and more. Find more information [here](#).



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 INCENTIVES FUND

Emory's Office of Sustainability offers [small grants](#) to the Emory community to implement new ideas and research that support fosters sustainable practices.



PIEDMONT TEACHING ASSISTANT TRAINING & TEACHING OPPORTUNITY (TATTO)

The [TATTO Program](#) allows graduate students to expand their teaching repertoire around sustainability and environmental issues.



CERTIFY YOUR OFFICES AND LABS GREEN

Emory's sustainability goals rely on the commitment of its thousands of employees to choose sustainable behaviors while at work. Certify your [offices](#) and [labs](#) as green today!



EMORY CLIMATE HUB

[Emory Climate Hub](#) engages students, alumni and Emory faculty across issues of climate change. Check out their [Youtube channel](#) to view past guest speakers and discussions.



EMORY VOTES INITIATIVE

The [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.



SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER



VISIT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

