



March Newsletter

Happy March from Central Sustainability!

As we're well into the spring semester, remember to take time to appreciate those around you and think of ways that you can support one another. Not sure how? Check out the opportunities listed in this newsletter!

Here are a couple of other sustainability-related events to look out for this month:

Campus Race to Zero Waste Electronics Drive March 13th - 24th

Don't throw out that broken charger! Instead, recycle it at CS's CR2ZW's Electronics Drive. There'll be bins in the lobby of every residential hall and one at the CS office Dow 275. Anything with a battery or cord is accepted!

Composting in Northwest Apartments

Residents in Northwest Apartments can now compost their food waste!

Beginning February 22nd,
you can sustainably dispose
of food waste on site!

Scan to learn more
and get started!



Sustainability UP-Course Guide

Looking for ways to incorporate sustainability into your education but need to meet your University Requirements?

CS has created a UP Sustainability Course Guide to make this possible! Check out some courses below:

II. Natural Sciences

A. Descriptive Sciences

- **Met 101QR:** Our Changing Climate

B. Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences

- **ENS 101QR:** Of Earth and Us: Introduction to Environmental Science

III. Social Sciences

A. Behavioral Sciences

IND 332WI: Human Shelter and the Environment

B. Studies in Social Structures

- **ANT 350WI/BIO 350WI/CHM 350WI:** Water as Life, Death, and Power

IV. Studies in Culture and Diversity

A. Studies in Discrimination

- **PHL 158:** Introduction to Environmental Ethics and Justice

Check out the full guide in our Linktree on Instagram @cmucentral sustainability.

Campus Spotlight: Facilities Management

Donald Long is a recycling coordinator from Facilities Management. FM is in charge with maintaining, operating, and constructing CMU grounds, facilities, and infrastructure.

A major part of Don's work with FM involves facilitating the university's recycling practices through education and clean-up services. One project Don accomplished was distributing battery-recycling bins throughout campus.

Look out for job postings and volunteer opportunities from FM to get more involved. Those interested should email fmrepair@cmich.edu.



Topic of the Month: Environmental Justice



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Given the recent events that occurred this past February in East Palestine, Ohio, it is important to discuss environmental justice and its disproportionate nature.

According to the EPA, environmental justice is defined as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." In other words, environmental injustice occurs when environmental issues affect certain populations to a greater extent than others, with minority groups and people of lower socioeconomic status often being the most severely impacted.

So why is discussion on environmental justice issues important? It is necessary because environmental justice involves advocating for basic human rights. Access to clean air, water, and a healthful environment should be guaranteed to everyone, which is why it is important to address situations in which these inequalities occur. Only then can change for the better be made possible.

To learn more about the impacts of environmental justice, tune in to CMU's very own Voices that Matter's discussion through the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's Facebook page using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/OIDEIatCMICH/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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