



Auraria
Sustainable
Campus
Program



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

October is Campus Sustainability Month!

Our team is headed out to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference later this month, and we are gearing up for a week of workshops, networking, and identifying how we can bring impactful and large-scale sustainability projects back to the Auraria Campus.

In leading up to our departure, we want to invite all the students, faculty and staff to join us for Campus Sustainability Month! Filled with action-items, volunteer opportunities, and events, this downloadable calendar can help you get involved with the ASCP and inspire your friends to do the same!

Follow the calendar and tag **#CampusSustainabilityMonth** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts that showcase your sustainable swaps and attendance of on-campus events for your chance to win sustainable prizes from the ASCP!

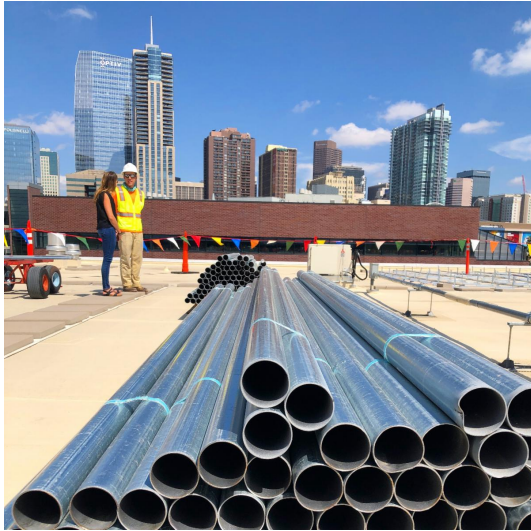
OCTOBER CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 Auraria Sustainable Campus Program		1	2 Locate campus compost bins! @ Tivoli and North Building	3 	4 Get Involved Join the ASCP Eco-Rep program!	5 Before you leave home to run errands, remember to grab your reusable bags!
6 Pack your reusable waterbottle for the upcoming school week!	7 Meatless Monday! Host some friends for dinner and try a new recipe!	8 We Rise: Climate Panel Tivoli 261 11am-12:15pm	9 Eco-Rep Meeting & Volunteering Tivoli 11am-2pm	10 Eco-Rep Meeting & Volunteering Tivoli 10:45am-1pm	11	12 Relax from school stress and find some time in nature this weekend
13 Ride your bike to campus this week!	14 Get your coffee plastic-free! Bring a reusable mug to campus	15 	16 We Rise: Earth Guardian Event Tivoli Turnhalle 11 am-1 pm	17 Waste Audit Volunteering Tivoli 12:30pm-1:30pm	18 Cherry Creek Cleanup 10 am-12 pm	19 
20 	21 Meatless Monday! Check out the vegetarian Food Trucks at Lawrence Way Turnaround!	22 World Planting Day Bring a new plant friend home!	23 Go Paperless! Limit your printing and paper usage on campus	24 International Day of Climate Action Write your congressman or congresswoman!	25 DIY your Halloween Costume!	26 Get creative and check Pinterest for some costume inspiration!
27 Donate Your Clothes! 	28 Bring donations to your student life service offices for the AHAH clothing swap!	29	30 Remember your reusable cup and bag for Halloween festivities!	31  Happy Halloween!	FOLLOW THE ASCP FOR MORE SUSTAINABILITY TIPS AND EVENTS!    @AurariaSCP www.sustainableauraria.org	

FOLLOW THE CALENDAR AND TAG **#CAMPUSSUSTAINABILITYMONTH** TO WIN PRIZES!



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LIBRARY SOLAR UPDATE:

It's all happening folks! The tracks are set and the panels are here! Last week, Namaste Solar was been busy craning over 2,000 solar panels up to the top of the roof of the Auraria Campus Library.

[Click here to watch the video!](#)

We are close to having this project completed! Stay tuned for our "**Solarbration**" ceremony in November where we will be celebrating the finalization of this monumental project!



EVENT COMPOSTING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now add a variety of compost services to your event with AHEC catering services! This new program works with on-campus events for all institutions to utilize ASCP composting services and employees to help limit event-produced waste and promote eco-friendly systems.

THE ASCP NOW OFFERS:

- Compost bins for all sizes of events (no-cost for Student Organizations)
- Customized signs and zero waste assistance
- On-site staff members for sorting help
- Impact Reporting post-event

[Learn about Event Composting](#)

AUGUST WASTE REPORT

The numbers are in! We have been creating new monitoring systems for us to analyze our waste diversion efforts here on campus. Here are some highlights from August:

Monthly Waste Comparison



Environmental Impact

Through **49,094 lbs** of compost and recycling we avoided.

59,826 lbs of GHG Emissions

Which is equal to...

108,777 lbs of coal being burned

117 acres of forest sequestering carbon

243,279 miles driven by an average passenger car in carbon

Event Compost Highlight

Block Party



The **CU Denver Block Party** had a diversion rate of **88.2%**! A 5% increase from what it was last year!

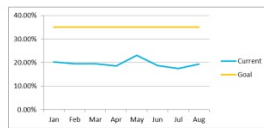
Total Events: **2**
 Total Event Compost: **448.2 lbs**
 Event Composting made up **7.8%** of total campus compost

- We diverted 19.4% of material (by weight) from the landfill
- We kept 49,000 lbs (4 truckloads) out of the landfill
- This prevented an estimated 59,826 lbs of CO2 emissions from entering the atmosphere
- This is roughly equivalent to the emissions generated by driving 243,279 miles in a passenger vehicle

[Read the 2019 Campus Waste Report Here](#)

Waste Diversion Progress 2019

Our Waste Diversion rate at the Auraria Campus currently sits at **19.4%**. We have a goal to reach **35%** by 2022.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ASCP? BECOME AN ECO-REP!

Are you a student, faculty, or staff - looking to volunteer with the ASCP's sustainability initiatives on campus? Our Eco-Rep program now has more opportunities, events, and workshops to get involved with! Sign up for the newsletter with the button below, and [join our Facebook group](#) for updated events and detailed information.

[Sign up to become an Eco-Rep!](#)

To see upcoming Eco-Rep opportunities, check the calendar at the bottom of this newsletter!

Meet Our New Staff!

We're so excited to introduce you to our new and expanded ASCP student staff! In order to address the needs we've identified around outreach and education, marketing and waste diversion, we've hired five new students to help build out programming that relates to these efforts. We are excited that the ASCP is growing so that we can continue to provide opportunities for our campus to become more sustainable!

Welcome Jake, Hope, Evan, Abi, and Lydia!



JAKE
MSU Denver

HOPE
MSU Denver

EVAN
MSU Denver

ABI
CU Denver

LYDIA
CU Denver

[Click here to learn more about our newest team members!](#)



Switch It Up! BEHAVIOR CHANGES

Ever thought about your clothing "waste?" Avoiding throwing your clothes in a landfill because you're tired of them is a step towards living a sustainable lifestyle! Did you know discarded clothing made of non-biodegradable fabrics can sit in landfills for up to 200 years!

Donate Your Clothes!

SACAB (Student Advisory Committee for the Auraria Board), is hosting a clothing drive and clothing swap November 13th and 14th for the Auraria Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. Donate your unwanted clothing at the MSU Denver, CCD, or CU Denver Student Life Offices (3rd floor of the Tivoli) from now until then. Then come to the swap to see if you can score some sweet new threads!



Upcoming Events ON & OFF CAMPUS

[Download the October Sustainability Month Calendar!](#)

Wednesday, October 9, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Hot Topic: Economics of Sustainability

Multicultural Lounge in Tivoli

Volunteer with the Zero Waste Team to help Aurarians sort their waste at this event.

Wednesday, October 9, 11:00am-12:00pm

& Thursday, October 10, 12:00pm-1:00pm

ASCP Eco Rep Meeting(s)

Tivoli (room tbd)

Meet with your fellow Eco Reps to talk about upcoming events and opportunities! We will go over brief bin side education tips as well! Please RSVP to Hope (Hope.Bartlett@AHEC.edu)

Thursday, October 10, 10:45am- 1:00pm

Binside Education

Simply Fresh Market and the Auraria Library

Help your fellow Aurarians sort their waste into the proper bins: Compost, Recycling and Trash. There will be ASCP staff there to help train you and get you oriented with what goes where! RSVP w/ Cassy(Cassy.Cadwallader@AHEC.edu)

Wednesday, October 16, 11:00am-1:00pm

We Rise: Earth Guardians Guide Event

Tivoli Turnhalle

Join your fellow MSU Denver students, faculty and staff to discuss the themes from the 2019-2020 1Book/1Project/2Transform book selection, We Rise: The Earth Guardians Guide to Building a Movement That Restores the Planet by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez. (see flyer above with more dates and events!)

More information: <https://www.msudenver.edu/roadways/1Book>

Thursday, October 17, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Waste Audit

Tivoli (room tbd)

Help the ASCP team sort and measure waste from the Simply Fresh Market and the Auraria Library to see the impacts of Binside Education Efforts! Equipment will be provided, and be ready to dig through some garbage! RSVP w/ Cassie (Cassy.Cadwallader@AHEC.edu)

Thursday, October 17, 5:30pm-9:00pm

Denver Urban Gardens Annual Fundraiser

Great Divide Brewing Company

Come celebrate Denver Urban Garden's Annual Fundraiser! Connect with the local urban farming community for delicious drinks and chef-prepared meals.

More information and tickets: <https://aesbid.org/ELP/DUG19/>

Friday, October 18, 10:00am- 12:00pm

Cherry Creek Clean-Up

Meet on the bridge under Speer and Larimer

Help make your campus community cleaner by joining the ASCP staff for a Cherry Creek Clean-Up! Contact Hope(Hope.Bartlett@AHEC.edu)

Thursday, October 24th, 10:00am-11:30am

Faculty/Staff Coalition

Tivoli 329

Learn more about the Faculty Staff Coalition with the ASCP:

<https://www.sustainableauraria.org/facstaffcoalition>

WE Rise: Climate Panel, Service Projects, Spoken Word Contest, and Book Signing and Concert with Eco-Warrior Xiuhtexcatl Martinez!

[More information here.](#)

WE RISE EVENTS



8/29/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/1/19 - 10/1/19

Spoken Word Contest
Submit Online!

9/3/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/6/2019

Service Project
Botanic Gardens
9:00am - 1:00pm

9/9/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/13/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/18/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/20/2019

Service Project
Botanic Gardens
9:00am - 1:00pm

9/25/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

9/30/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

10/7/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

10/8/2019

Panel Discussion Tivoli
Multicultural Lounge
11:00am - 12:15pm

10/10/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

10/14/2019

BOOK DISCUSSION
1146 Golda Meir
12:30pm - 1:45pm

10/15/2019

Art Show: "Abstract Cultural
Landscape in the Era of
Climate Change"
CMEI Lounge - 3pm



10/16/2019

Author Event with
Xiuhtezcatl Martinez
Tivoli Turnhalle
11:00am - 1:00pm

10/17/2019

Concert with **Xiuhtezcatl
Martinez - St. Cajetans**
6:30pm - 9:00pm

10/22/2019

Film Screening of **Before the
Flood** - St. Cajetans
11:00am - 2:00pm



For more information please visit: www.msudenver.edu/roadways/1Book

Campus Resources

On Campus Resources

[The Phoenix Center](#)

[Health Center at Auraria](#)

[Campus Recreation Center](#)

Off Campus Resources

[Denver Office of Sustainability](#)

[Lakewood Office of Sustainability](#)

[Woodbine Ecology Center](#)

LGBTQ Student Resource Center

One World One Water Center

Students for Sustainability Club

W.A.S.S.U.P.

MSU Geography Club

MSU Environmental Science Organization

Alliance Center

GET INVOLVED!

Every year, the ASCP reviews or drafts dozens of proposals brought to us by students, staff, and faculty. Do you have an idea that could make the Auraria Campus more sustainable? Let us know!

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