Zero Waste

The mission of the OHIO Zero Waste Initiative at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs is to reduce the waste footprint at Ohio University thanks to support from the Sugar Bush Foundation, a supporting organization of the Ohio University Foundation.

The Voinovich School team of staff and students partners with Campus Recycling, the Office of Sustainability and other University groups to raise waste awareness across the campus community.

Zero Waste Tips:
- Reduce food waste by taking/ordering only food that you plan to eat.
- Use a reusable mug to receive a discount at coffee shops.
- Bring reusable grocery bags when shopping.
- Carry your own reusable water bottle instead of disposable plastic.
- Place all recyclables in a designated recycling bin.
- Organizing a student event? Check out the “Green Event Guide” and certify your next event “Green” at ohio.edu/sustainability.
- Volunteer at a Zero Waste Tailgate.
- Shop at local thrift stores instead of buying new.

Learn about more ways to get involved: ohio.edu/ZeroWaste

“Zero Waste” is a 90% diversion of discarded materials from the landfill through recycling and composting while working to reduce the amount of waste disposed.
While You’re Packing....

Students at Ohio University play an important role in sustainability by reducing energy usage and engaging in healthy, productive activities. Here’s a helpful list of what you can pack to be more sustainable when you’re on campus:

- Smart Power Strips for laptops, phone chargers, and other electronics
- Reusable water bottle, coffee/tea mug, and grocery bags
- Layers of clothing for comfort in a range of temperatures
- Small, foldable drying rack for drying clothes
- A bicycle for transportation
- Plants or herbs for your windowsill
- Green cleaning and laundry products

Sustainable Packing Tips:

- If you must bring an appliance, make sure it is low-wattage and Energy Star rated.
- Pack your belongings in reusable containers.
- Pack light; bring only what you need!

While You’re Here...

Be Sustainable!

- Join sustainability focused groups on campus. A list is available at https://orgsync.com/browse_orgs/790
- Take advantage of public transportation. Download the Double Map App for bus schedules, and show your OHIO ID for free local bus rides. Ride the GoBus home on weekends—visit gobus.com to purchase tickets.
- Enjoy sustainability and zero waste events, such as:
  - Sustainability Film Series
  - Pollution Prevention Week
  - Sustainable Living Floor and Ecohouse workshops
  - Earth Day Celebration
- Take the sustainability walking tour
- Participate in the “30 Mile Meal” by eating at local dining establishments!
- Enjoy recreational rides on the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway. You can borrow a bike at the Athens Public Library.
- Enroll in sustainability-focused classes. A list of course options is available online at ohio.edu/sustainability.
- Reduce energy costs by turning off lights and electronics when not in use. When possible, keep thermostat at 68-70°F in winter; 76-78°F in summer.

For more information, see ohio.edu/Sustainability

Sustainability is the ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Ohio University takes a “Triple Bottom Line” approach to sustainability by equally factoring people, the planet and prosperity into our sustainability initiatives and decisions.