

SUSTAINABILITY

Morgan Library Sustainability Committee Newsletter

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Greetings! This is the first monthly newsletter by the newly created Morgan Library Sustainability Committee. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed as to what we as the committee have been doing, and to provide you with information to help you increase your sustainability.

Tip to RAMP up your Green

Get to know your electricity usage! Use a Kill-A-Watt meter to see how much electricity your devices use. Plug it in to everything from alarm clocks to printers refrigerators to washing machines. Don't have a Kill-A-Watt? Check one out from the circulation desk! Morgan Library has four meters that you can check out for a week.



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Did You Know?

Paper coffee cups are NOT recyclable!

Have you noticed the new sign in the break room? Coffee cup lids and sleeves are recyclable, but the cup itself is not.

There are a few reasons for this including difficulty in separating the lining from the paper.

For more information see the Sustainability LibGuide: <http://libguides.colostate.edu/sustainability>.

What can you do?
Use a reusable coffee mug!



Alternative Transportation

By Amanda Fitzpatrick, Education and Outreach Coordinator from Parking and Transportation Services.

As CSU undergoes a historic transformation during the construction of several new structures, parking on campus will be more challenging. We encourage you to evaluate your transportation needs for the upcoming year and consider alternative transportation options.

Parking and Transportation Services has invested \$1.5 million since 2013 to expand and enhance alternative transportation options for the CSU community. You can:

* Ride MAX or Transfort to campus for free with your CSU ID, paid for by Parking and Transportation Services and ASCSU. Once on campus, hop on Around the Horn to reach your location. More than 2 million Transfort rides are attributed to CSU students, faculty and staff each year.

Transit: <http://pts.colostate.edu/employee/transit/>

Around the Horn: <http://pts.colostate.edu/transportation-options/transit-general/horn/>

* Carpool or vanpool to campus to reduce your cost of commuting. Enjoy the benefit of a designated parking space close to your destination. <http://pts.colostate.edu/employee/carpool/>

* Request a ride home in case of an emergency, if you are committed to using alternative transportation to commute to campus. This program is free and ensures that you won't be stranded on campus, if you opt to use alternative transportation and a personal emergency strikes.

<http://pts.colostate.edu/employee/emergency/>

* Bike to campus via the city's extensive bike trail system, allowing you to access from any direction. On campus, more than 10 miles of dedicated bike trails and routes will traverse campus in 2017.

<http://pts.colostate.edu/employee/bicycle/>

* Purchase a package of daily, scratch-off parking passes in person at the Lake Street Garage Parking Services Office or over the phone. This provides flexibility to park on campus the few days you may need to drive a personal vehicle.

<http://parking.colostate.edu/pages/PermitLink.aspx>

Parking and Transportation Services also offers personalized travel training to employees who want to explore how to get to campus using alternative transportation.

Learn more about alternative transportation options: <http://pts.colostate.edu/>

Bike, bus, carpool, walk or drive? CSU Parking and Transportation Services conducted a survey in Spring 2015 to better understand the commuting patterns of faculty, staff and students. See this infographic to see how you compare. <http://source.colostate.edu/how-do-you-commute/>

Save the Date

According to the [EPA](#), "greenhouse gas emissions from transportation accounted for about 27% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions" in 2013. In addition to sustainability costs, our parking permit prices at CSU continue to rise.

Come hear from Aaron Fodge, Alternative Transportation Manager, and a Transfort representative talk about alternative transportation options that could save you money and decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

This will be the first in a series of Sustainability 'Lunch and Learn' events. In addition to Aaron, you'll learn about the Sustainability Committee and have the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments.

Sept 15 11:45am - 1pm in Event Hall



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