



Earth Month 2024 Recap

This year, the Sustainability Office expanded our Earth Week programming to a full month! Throughout April, events were held across campus with the theme of ‘Decarbonize!’ offering ways to learn about and get involved in climate action here at BC. We welcomed dozens of local non-profits and local businesses to our Earth Month Market, hosted an EV Car Show and several film screenings, offered a refillable cleaning products station, and held our first ever clothing swap! We hope you enjoyed the events this Earth Month, and would appreciate your feedback at our survey [here](#).

Refill Station

Students enjoyed the eco-friendly practice of bringing empty containers to receive complimentary refills of bulk products like hand soap and laundry detergent, promoting sustainability with each reuse.

Earth Market

The 2024 Earth Market was bustling with vendors, activities, and interesting things to explore. Students and visitors had a great time checking out different stalls.

At JARN Co. Flowers, attendees selected vibrant flowers to add a pop of color to their day. Meanwhile, at the Bellevue College radio station, KBCS, visitors eagerly queued up to grab complimentary t-shirts featuring stylish designs.

Foodies had a blast at Gusto Blende, trying out all sorts of vinegars with unique flavors. And at the Puget Sound Mycological Society booth, people learned how to dye yarn using mushrooms for awesome colors.

Overall, the Earth Market was more than just a market—it was a fun day celebrating our planet and learning new things together.





Clothing Swap

BC students donated clothes and thrifted for free in our stand next to the cafeteria! This event aimed to combat fast fashion, keep clothes out of the landfill, and improve equity by providing free resources.

Through a successful donation campaign, hundred of clothes were donated and found new happy owners, in a student friendly engagement event.

Climate Action Plan Unveiling

The campus community joined the Office of Sustainability and volunteers for the unveiling of the 2024 Climate Action Plan update. With different CAP sections explained at detail by the staff, folks could also enjoy refreshments, win giveaways, and learn about ways to get involved in decarbonizing our campus!

Visitors also had the opportunity to stop by and experience the electric vehicle show courtesy of Seattle Electric Vehicle Association! With the opportunity to get a close up look at Tesla's, Rivians, Volts, custom builds, and more, as well as learn about how electric cars work and what makes them better than gas powered cars.



Bike Everywhere Month 2024

Bike Everywhere Month happens every May and focuses on promoting biking as an alternative way to commute. We promote biking trails in King County, partner with local organizations, and host amazing events. One of the biggest and most exciting events of the month which takes place on May 23rd is the Introduction to Mountain Biking along the Olallie Trail. Students will get familiar with concepts, skills, and equipment for mountain biking and try it out themselves. Hurry up! There are still spots available! On May 28th students will have an opportunity to attend Bike Repair & Safety Station and learn about basic bike maintenance and get their bike checked out. Celebrate the rest of the month with us and don't miss Bike Everywhere Month in 2025!

For more information on Bike Everywhere Month visit:
<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/bike-everywhere-month/>



Climate Action Plan

Our Climate Action Plan details strategies to reduce our carbon emissions and overall environmental impact through a multifaceted approach with goals set for reductions at various stages over 40 years. A working document, updates are provided every 5 years.

In June 2010, the BC Environmental Advisory Committee completed BC's first Climate Action Plan – detailing strategies to reduce our carbon emissions and overall environmental impact through a multifaceted approach with goals set for reductions at various stages over the next 40 years.

This year, the Sustainability Office has released an update to the plan, plan is divided into seven major areas:

- Energy & Built Environment
- Transportation
- Zero Waste
- Culture & Learning
- Natural Systems
- Social Equity
- Resilience

Read the full plan here!



CSA Produce Box Sales

Ensuring access to local, fresh, and organic produce is a top priority for the Office of Sustainability! Each month, students can now support farmers in the Puget Sound region while enjoying a variety of seasonal delights packed into a \$20 box.

We have made it convenient with two options: pre-purchase or buy on the day. For those who like to plan ahead, 25 boxes are available for pre-purchase. If spontaneity is your style, don't worry - we've got 25 more available for in-person purchases.

This way, everyone gets a chance to enjoy the bounty of our local farmers while contributing to a sustainable future. It's a win-win! **Register here!**





Beverage Survey

We are currently conducting a survey regarding the types of beverage containers we wish to serve on campus. This refers to what they come in such as aluminum, or plastic. Your input will effect our campus in terms of waste sorting!

Please share your thoughts on beverages [here](#)- 5 respondents will be drawn at random and receive a free reusable coffee mug or water bottle!

Have a Project Idea to Implement on Campus?

The Student Environment Sustainability Fund (SESF) provides students, faculty, and staff a means to enhance Bellevue College's sustainability efforts and create positive social and environmental change on campus.

Complete the SESF Funding Application and present to the SESF committee for the opportunity to get your project funded!

Get started here:
bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf

Sustainability Tips

Filter This

Dirty air filters catch all sorts of lint, dust, and pollen that end up reducing airflow. This causes your system to work harder and use more energy to heat and cool your home. Be sure to check and replace any dirty filters to avoid this.

Donate Donate Donate

Spring means Spring Cleaning! When going through a full sanitary wipe down make sure to donate usable working items instead of tossing them in the landfill!

Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Office of Sustainability's future events, initiatives, and resources through BC's daily FYI Digest, our website and social media.

For any questions feel free to email us!
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