Recognition of the fundamental interconnections between people and nature lies at the heart of sustainability. The goals of sustainability encompass a variety of issues that affect us all: human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods and a better world for all generations.

Weber State University is committed to furthering sustainability — in all aspects — through both our own institutional operations and the education of future sustainability leaders.

We work in partnership with individuals, communities and organizations to increase the reach of sustainable practices. We are committed to sustainability education across our curriculum to foster the knowledge and skills our students need to contribute to just, healthy and sustainable communities, both now and in the future.

Our newly completed sustainability plan lays out the path forward (weber.edu/sustainability). Also, here are a few highlights of the practical ways we are working toward sustainability at Weber State and in our community.
Faculty from any department can use the SUS attribute to indicate sustainability is explicitly addressed in their class.

222 classes used the SUS attribute.

3 & 2 FACULTY & STUDENTS were recognized for outstanding sustainability research.

19 DEPARTMENTS offered one or more SUS classes focused on or including sustainability content.

That's over 40% of the campus total, with each college represented.

More than 5,500 students enrolled in SUS designated courses.
WSU signed the Presidents’ Climate Leadership Commitment in 2007 and has a goal to be carbon neutral by the year 2040. That is a decade ahead of our original goal.

From 2007 until now we have reduced:

- Electricity consumption by 35%
- Natural gas consumption by 43%
- Total greenhouse gas emissions by 42%
- Utility costs by $21,008,336
- Water consumption by 39%
- Waste diverted from the landfill (reused, recycled or composted) by 39%
We continue to make sure that our new buildings and developments incorporate sustainability as a main feature. A few of our recent, completed projects include:

3 Xeriscape projects completed to conserve water.

OGDEN OGX LINE

A portion of the project from the Dee Event Center to campus is completed and being serviced by all-electric buses.

4 new dual-port electric vehicle charging stations on the Ogden campus.

Added 4 100% electric and 2 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to WSU’s fleet. WSU’s fleet now has 11% of its total vehicles comprised of alternatively fueled vehicles.

ALL-ELECTRIC & CARBON-NEUTRAL CAPABLE BUILDINGS

WSU’s 3rd ground source field was installed under the A2 parking lot with the construction of the Noorda building. Ground source harvests energy from the constant temperature of the deep earth to help heat and cool our buildings.

Noorda Engineering, Applied Science, and Technology Building
About **319** participants in the 13th Annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit in March 2022, which was hosted as a fully online event in response to the pandemic.

90 departments participate in the Green Department Certification Program, which incentivizes departments to make campus more sustainable.

**4** sustainability-related student clubs:
- Community Garden Club
- Environmental Ambassadors
- Food Recovery Network
- WSU student chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby

**Work they do:**
The clubs recovered 1,678 lbs of food and donated it to the Lantern House. 11,383 plastic bottles were recycled at the games by Zero Waste Athletics volunteers.
COMMUNITY engagement

COLLABORATIVE EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Clear the Air Challenge
Ogden City’s Idle-Free Month
Utah Climate Week
Solve Climate by 2030
Community Renewable Energy Act
Ogden Energy Wise Plan
State of Utah Electric Lawn Mower Exchange
And more!

1,334 LED bulbs distributed to community members.

220 Nest E Thermostats provided to households for free or significantly reduced cost.

These LED bulbs and thermostats have collectively cut utility costs by over $32,000 for total participants per year.
COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY

CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2040
A DECADE AHEAD OF OUR ORIGINAL GOAL OF 2050

SUSTAINABILITY at Weber State University