

2017 Sustainability Calendar of Events



Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss these sustainability events in 2017!

- **Shoe Drive**, January - May 2017, Various Locations
- **Quarterly SAT Meetings**, 11:30a - 1:00p, King Center
 - March 15, June 14, September 20, December 13
- **Health Fair**, March 14, 8:00a - 3:00p, EPNEC
- **Earth Day**, April 20, 11:00a - 1:00p, Hope Plaza
- **Employee Appreciation Picnic (Green Waste Stations)**, September 15, 11:00am - 2:00pm, Hudlin Park
- **Holiday Lights Recycling**, November 2017 - January 2018, Various Locations



Mapping Environmental Racism

On January 16, WUSM celebrated the legacy of MLK with a lecture by Robert Bullard, widely considered to be the father of environmental justice. Bullard discussed studies that show how people of color are disproportionately exposed to pollution, putting their health at risk... [More >>](#)



Winter Metro Community Tips

One of the many reasons drivers say they drive instead of commute by Metro bus or train is dealing with inclement or cold weather. However, a few simple steps to prepare for your commute can eliminate many of the challenges brought on by winter weather... [More >>](#)



Bin Be Gone Campaign

WashU has been expanding the 'No Waste Bins in Offices' concept as part of our sustainability commitments. Studies show that removing waste bins from desks can have an immediate impact on waste generated. Offices instead provide one central waste bin... [More >>](#)



Study: Emissions and Healthy Tuna

Mercury levels in one tuna species have decreased along with local industrial emissions of the neurotoxin, a new study finds. While North America has reduced emissions by 2.8% annually, the levels of mercury in the Atlantic have been dropping even faster: 4.3%... [More >>](#)



Returns are an Environmental Disaster

During the first week of January, U.S. consumers send nearly \$30 billion in products back to where they came from, returning 9% of all e-commerce purchases. That adds up to 5.8 million packages in transit, peaking January 5, a day UPS calls National Returns Day... [More >>](#)



Is Your Coffee Sustainable?

For many, coffee is an essential part of our morning. Routines are a perfect place to start small, sustainable changes that accumulate to make a big difference. From selection of a coffee machine to the beans used, there are many ways to "green" your morning cup... [More >>](#)

Seeking Stories and Ideas

The stories that make up the monthly sustainability newsletter are created by a committee of dedicated WUSM staff members. New ideas and stories from guest writers are always welcome. If you have an idea for a future story or submission, please email Melanie Strowmatt at mstrowmatt@wustl.edu.



Events



Sustainable Urban Design Lecture**Date:** February 24, 12p**Location:** Kemp Auditorium, Givens Hall

Join visiting research associate Jenny Price for a lecture titled *How to Reimagine Everyday Environments & Public Spaces - A Campfire Talk with the LA Urban Rangers*. Price will discuss the role of art in the urban experience. [More >>](#)

Science & Sustainability Open House**Date:** February 25 - February 26**Location:** Missouri Botanical Garden

Go behind the scenes with Garden botanists and sustainability experts! Visit one of the largest herbarium collections in the world and learn how the Garden works to conserve plants both locally and around the world. [More >>](#)