

# Get involved with Green Initiatives!



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Here at UM, we do our best to minimize our impact on the environment. There are lots of ways for students to get involved – for more information about any of these opportunities, contact Dr. Susan Caplow at [scaplow@montevallo.edu](mailto:scaplow@montevallo.edu).

## Recycling

Blue recycling containers can be found in most buildings on campus. We accept mixed paper, cardboard, #1/2/5 plastic, and mixed metal on campus. All recyclables must be placed in the correct bin (paper/cardboard, plastic, and metal), we do not collect mixed recycling!



## Green Fund

The UM Green Fund provides grants for projects that improve campus sustainability. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to submit a proposal to the UM Sustainability Committee for approval. Past projects include support for energy-efficient lighting, recycling receptacles, bike racks, sustainability trainings/events, composting, rainwater collection systems, energy-saving window treatments, solar projects, and more.



## Environmental Club

The student-run Environmental Club works to improve sustainability on campus, throughout the community, and across the globe. Activities include running sustainability-themed events on campus, working in the garden and at the swamp, and attending environmental events. However, the club's activities are largely driven by student interests, so make your voice heard today and join the club!



## UM2GO

If you'd like to minimize waste in the Caf, sign up for our reusable container program. For a \$6 refundable deposit, you can take reusable container away from the Caf and exchange it as many times as you'd like.

## Environmental Studies

UM is home to the only Environmental Studies program in public higher education in Alabama. This interdisciplinary academic major/minor emphasizes environmental problem-solving and prepares students for careers in environmental management, education, advocacy, and more as part of the growing Green job market! ES courses are open to everyone.

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### UM Organic Community Garden

At the OCG, you can rent a plot to grow your own food; seeds, plants, soil amendments and hand tools are available for community use. You can also volunteer in the donation garden, where all produce grown is donated to Shelby Emergency Assistance.



### ValloCycle/Club ValloCycle

ValloCycle is the local bikeshare organization. We offer bikes for rent and we promote cycling on campus and in town. Stop by City Hall and fill out a membership form; for \$20, you can rent a bike for the whole semester! ValloCycle also leads group rides—look for our emails and Facebook event pages to find out exact dates.

You can also join the student-led Club ValloCycle! Contact Dr. Caplow to learn more or sign up.

### Green Room

Engage in sustainable behaviors in the residence halls and get your room designated as a Green Room! Visit the UM Housing & Residence Life webpage to make the pledge.



### Sustainability Committee & Internships

The Sustainability Committee administers the Green Fund and engages in campus sustainability planning and projects.

Students can also complete for-credit internships focused on sustainability initiatives. Students from all majors are welcome. Look for the call for Sustainability Committee applications in August and the call for interns in March/October.

### Environmental Education Docent Program

Interested in working in environmental education? Lead programs for K-12 field trip groups at the UM Organic Community Garden, Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve, James Wyle Shepherd Observatory, and University Lake. These are PAID student worker positions – look for the advertisement to apply.



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