Texas A&M Office of Sustainability Survey

Texas A&M Office of Sustainability Survey   After reading this important information, please select “Agree” at the bottom of this page and then the “Next” button. Welcome to the Texas A&M Office of Sustainability Survey. The Texas A&M Office of Sustainability Survey is your opportunity to provide our office with information about your knowledge of sustainability and will provide us with a better understanding of the impact of sustainability initiatives at Texas A&M. The Office of Sustainability will use this information to improve our program and services for undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and staff on campus.  The survey will take between 15-20 minutes of your time to complete. Your answers will be held in the strictest confidence and all survey results will be reported in the aggregate with no personal identifying information.   You were selected randomly and your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate, you are free to choose not to answer any question or withdraw from the survey at any time. There is no risk to you if you do or do not complete the survey. Your responses are strictly confidential and your decision to respond will not affect your relationship with Texas A&M University. You will not receive payment for your participation in the study. However, you will be entered into a drawing for prizes if you complete the survey. Each week the survey is open, 3 (three) $30 Amazon.com gift cards and 5 (five) Camelbak Sustainability Water Bottles will be awarded at random. You will be eligible for the drawing each week until either you win a prize or the survey closes, based on the week you completed the survey. For example, if you complete the survey during the first week, you will be eligible each week until you either win or the survey period ends.   If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to do the following things:                               -Click the “Agree” button                -Fill out the Texas A&M Office of Sustainability Survey, which will take about 15-20 minutes                -Click the submit button at the end.   You can contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Evaluation (survey@tamu.edu) if you have any questions. If you would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s), you are encouraged to contact the Human Subjects Protection Program at 979-458-4067 or submit a report to Texas A&M EthicsPoint (http://rcb.tamu.edu/humansubjects/participant-information)

Statement of Consent By selecting “Agree”, I am providing my consent to this survey research effort, as described above and understand that I will be eligible for the prizes outlined above that will be awarded by a random lottery.   I understand and will participate

* Agree (1)
* Disagree (2)

If Disagree Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Survey

Section 1: Values/Beliefs

Q1 Please indicate how important you think the following sustainability-related topics are globally.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Important (5) | Somewhat important (4) | Neither important nor unimportant (3) | Somewhat unimportant (3) | Not at all important (1) |
| Climate Change (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Biodiversity Loss (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population Growth (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Supply (4) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Economic Prosperity (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Health (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Access to Clean Water (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Access to Clean Air (4) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Access to Quality Education (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Justice and Equity (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diversity and Inclusion (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q2 Please indicate how important you think the following sustainability-related topics are for Texas A&M to address.

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|  | Very Important (5) | Somewhat important (4) | Neither important nor unimportant (3) | Somewhat unimportant (2) | Not at all important (1) |
| Preparing for Climate Change (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preventing Climate Change (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Using Renewable Energy (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conserving Energy (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conserving Water (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Adding Green Buildings (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sustainable Purchasing (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recycling (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reducing waste (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Composting (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Indoor Air Quality (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Using Local or Organic Food (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Transportation (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Justice and Equity (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diversity and Inclusion (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q3 How important do you think sustainability is?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Q4 How important do you think the economy is to sustainability?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Q5 How important do you think the environment is to sustainability?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Q6 How important do you think social equity is to sustainability?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Q7 On a scale of 1-10, how important do you think it is for Texas A&M to incorporate sustainability in its planning and initiatives?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Importance (1)

Q8 How important is it for you to incorporate sustainability in your everyday life?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Q9 Which of the six Aggie core values at Texas A&M do you think relate to sustainability? (Check all that apply)

* Excellence (1)
* Integrity (2)
* Leadership (3)
* Loyalty (4)
* Respect (5)
* Selfless Service (6)
* None of the above (7)

Q10 How important do you think it is for Texas A&M to add more sustainability-related courses?

* Very important (5)
* Somewhat important (4)
* Neither important nor unimportant (3)
* Somewhat unimportant (2)
* Very unimportant (1)

Section 2: Behaviors

Q11 Which of the following sustainable actions have you adopted?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Always (5) | Most of the time (4) | Sometimes (3) | Rarely (2) | Never (1) |
| Use a reusable bottle/mug (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use double-sided printing when possible (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turn off the lights in unused room (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recycle (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unplug unused power cords (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | Always (5) | Most of the time (4) | Sometimes (3) | Rarely (2) | Never (1) |
| Power down computers (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Take shorter showers (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conserve water (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eat less meat (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wash clothes in cold water (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | Always (5) | Most of the time (4) | Sometimes (3) | Rarely (2) | Never (1) |
| Use the Aggie Spirit Bus (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carpool (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ride share (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participate in diversity/cultural activities (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Click to write Statement 15 (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

Section 3: Literacy

Q12 Please indicate if you think that the following actions can help lower Texas A&M's energy use in its buildings.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Not sure (3) |
| Turning lights off (1) |  |  |  |
| Washing clothes in cold water (2) |  |  |  |
| Reducing shower time (3) |  |  |  |
| Using double-sided printing (4) |  |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Not sure (3) |
| Replacing light bulbs with CFL's or LEDs (1) |  |  |  |
| Using a smart power strip (2) |  |  |  |
| Unplugging devices when not in use (3) |  |  |  |

Q13 Please indicate which of the following items can be recycled at Texas A&M?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Not sure (3) |
| Newspaper and Magazines (1) |  |  |  |
| Paper (2) |  |  |  |
| Cardboard (3) |  |  |  |
| Plastic (1-7) (4) |  |  |  |
| Glass (5) |  |  |  |

Q13 Please indicate which of the following items can be recycled at Texas A&M?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Not sure (3) |
| Aluminum (1) |  |  |  |
| E-waste (Cell phones, computers, etc.) (2) |  |  |  |
| Toner/Ink (3) |  |  |  |
| Clothes (4) |  |  |  |
| Light bulbs (5) |  |  |  |

Q14 I am familiar with the following Texas A&M initiatives and collaborations:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| Campus Sustainability Day (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earth Day (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Big Event (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Howdy! Farm (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office of Sustainability Presentations & Workshops (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sustainable Office Certification (6) |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| Aggie Green Fund (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recycling on campus (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sustainability Pledge (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office of Sustainability Internship Program (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Annual E-Waste Drive (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast hosted by the Carter G. Woodson Black Awareness Committee (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aggie Spirit Bus (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zimride (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Big Belly Solar Trash Compactors (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetarian/Vegan options offered by Campus Dining (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Green Dot Training (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aggie RePlant (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bike "Fix-it stations" (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stream clean (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zipcar (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q15 I am aware of Texas A&M's efforts to reduce our environmental footprint.

* Strongly agree (5)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Disagree (2)
* Strongly disagree (1)

Q16 During your time at Texas A&M, how many courses have you taken that address topics presented in this survey?

* 0 courses (1)
* 1 course (2)
* 2 courses (3)
* 3 courses (4)
* 4 or more courses (5)

Sustainability Concepts Assessment

Q17 Which of the following are core components of sustainability? (Check all that apply)

* Social Equity (1)
* Economy (2)
* Environment (3)

Q18 Please indicate which of the following is a renewable energy resource?( Check all that apply)

* Oil (1)
* Geothermal (2)
* Trees (3)
* Coal (4)
* Wind (5)
* Solar (6)
* Nuclear (7)
* Hydropower (8)
* Biomass/Biofuels (9)

Q19 Ground Level ozone (Bad ozone) is primarily caused by:

* Aerosol and spray cans (1)
* Methane gases from landfills and cattle (2)
* Emissions from industrial facilities and motor vehicles exhaust (3)
* Air traffic (4)
* I do not know (5)

Q20 Which of the following activities increase an individual's carbon footprint? (Check all that apply)

* Purchasing/using electricity generated from fossil fuels (1)
* Driving a traditional gas vehicle to work/school (2)
* Driving an electric car to work/school (3)
* Eating a meat-based diet (4)
* I do not know (5)

Q21 Which of the following actions can we take to prepare for a changing climate? (Check all that apply)

* Construct buildings on wetlands (1)
* Reduce green space (2)
* Grow the urban tree canopy (3)
* Increase paved parking lots (4)
* We do not need to prepare for climate change (5)
* I do not know (6)

Q22 Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, chlorofluorocarbons and ozone are all:

* Gases found on Mars (1)
* Greenhouse gases (2)
* Okay for humans to breathe (3)
* Needed to reduce global warming (4)
* I do not know (5)

Q23 The idea that environmental quality and social equity are as important as economic stability and growth is:

* Sustainable Development (1)
* Triple bottom line (aka People, Planet, Profits) (2)
* Business strategy (3)
* Sustainable Business Practices (4)
* I do not know (5)

  Thank you for your time in taking this survey. If you would like to be entered into a drawing for prizes , please click 'Yes' to submit your name and email address.

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Answer If Thank you for your time in taking this survey. If you would like to be entered into a drawing for... Yes Is Selected

Please submit your name and email address to be entered into a drawing for prizes:

Your Name: (1)

Your Email Address: (2)