

UVic has no certification system it uses to manage its building and operations, but various sustainability operations and maintenance guidelines exist relative to the requirements for this credit, and these have been integrated into the University's structure. They are included in the university's Sustainability Action Plan, the campus Integrated Energy Master Plan and operational procedures within the Facilities Management Department.

UVic's Energy Management service involves monitoring and control of energy and water consumption. The objective is to reduce energy and water usage, lower greenhouse gas emissions and at the same time provide a superior working environment. This service employs a dedicated staff person and significant capital dollars attached that are dedicated to energy and water use reduction projects.

<http://www.uvic.ca/facilities/service/sustainability/energy.php>

UVic's Grounds department, as a matter of policy, reuses all plant debris through an on-site campus composting operation, and salvages fallen trees for use in restoration projects.

Other sustainable practices include:

- a computerized irrigation control system to decrease potable water use
- sustainable transportation options, including electric fleet vehicles and bicycles
- bio-swales, rain gardens and green roofs to manage stormwater run-off
- environmentally friendly fertilizer and snow and ice control products
- native plants in new landscape installations
- integrated pest management (IPM) approaches

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UVic cleaning services, as a matter of policy, uses certified green cleaning products in all buildings, and UVic purchases only sustainable furniture for use in buildings. UVic Facilities Management take great care in the selection of all commercial furniture on campus. All of our manufacturers are committed to the health and wellness of their clients and the world's environment and produce products that are [Green Guard Certified](#) and or manufactured in factories that are certified with [ISO 14001](#)

<http://www.uvic.ca/facilities/service/sustainability/furniture.php>