



January 7th, 2022

Happy Friday, Vols!

*and welcome to **The Green Leaf**.*

This is the first Green Leaf of the year! We're so excited to see what this year has in store.

Work with Us!

Heading into the new semester we have lots of opportunities for you to work with the Office of Sustainability!

OPEN Work-Study positions (apply in JobX):

- Food Recovery Coordinator (1 opening)
- Donations Assistant (for Free Store and Food Recovery programs) (1 opening)
- Grow Lab Student Garden Assistant (1 opening)
- Zero Waste Programs Assistant (2 openings)
- Recycling Operations Assistant (3 openings)
- Compost Driver (1 opening)
- Compost Data Assistant (1 opening)
- Compost Operations Assistant
- Data Entry Analyst (2 openings)

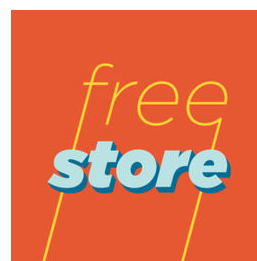
OPEN Student Work positions (apply in Handshake):

- Recycling Operations Assistant (1 opening)
- Grow Lab Garden and Research Assistant (1 opening)

To learn more about working with the Office of Sustainability, click [here](#)!

The Free Store

The Free Store will be opening its permanent location this semester! The Free Store's permanent location will have clothes, shoes, housewares, school supplies, and hygiene products available for UT students, faculty, and staff! Stay tuned for the grand opening!



Green Fee Proposals

Do you have an idea that would make campus more sustainable?

You can receive funding for your sustainability-related project by submitting a proposal! Unsure about what kind of proposal to submit? You can also submit a rough draft and work with someone in the Office of Sustainability on creating a full proposal.

Click [here](#) for more details!



Green Office Program

Are you a faculty or staff member looking for ways to make your office more sustainable? Get certified through our brand new Green Office Program! We've got lots of resources that will make greening your office easy and fun.

Click [here](#) to learn more or DM us with any questions!

The Green Office Program engages faculty and staff in a fun certification program aimed to help offices contribute to the university's goals of achieving carbon neutrality by 2061 and 50% waste diversion by 2030.



Switch Your Thinking

As the colder months approach, the Office of Sustainability encourages you to **Switch Your Thinking** with us! On a campus this size, our energy consumption is one of the largest ways we impact the environment. On average in November, UTK uses 16,482,221.3 kWh of electricity and 1,335,115.5 therms of gas. November energy consumption is equivalent to 18,745 metric tons of CO2 emissions.

It's the same amount of emissions that you would get if you drove an average passenger vehicle for 47,109,284 miles (you could drive to the moon and back almost 100 times!).

Click [here](#) to learn more about what you can do!



Compost Coalition Residence Hall Composting Survey

The UT Compost Coalition is conducting a survey to gauge interest in residence hall composting. If you live on campus, take the survey [here](#). If you are interested in joining the Coalition and helping increase awareness and access to composting on campus, reach out to rstewa36@vols.utk.edu

If you are a resident or RA that is interested in helping implement a composting pilot in your hall or just help with composting efforts in general, reach out to rstewa36@vols.utk.edu.

Do you need volunteer hours?

Come hang out with passionate, like-minded individuals at one of our various sites! From the Compost Facility to the Recycling Warehouse, we always need volunteers!



If you're looking to help capture recycling on campus, we can always use a helping hand during Zero Waste Gamedays. Learn more about ALL of our volunteer opportunities [here](#)!

Nominate a Sustainability Champion

The Sustainability Champion is an award given monthly that recognizes a member of UT's faculty, staff, or student body who exemplifies what it means to Make Orange Green through their environmental stewardship, leadership, and/or activism.

Click the button below to nominate someone deserving!

[Sustainability Champion Nomination Form](#)

...and that's all for this month! Have a safe and sustainable January!





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