



## Centralized Waste & Mini-Max Program Brought to the L-Building

During Fall quarter, the centralized waste and mini-max program was implemented in the L Building. This is the new standard for waste management in campus buildings and is slowly being rolled out building by building.

This program aims to streamline and standardize waste management on campus, which reduces landfill waste, makes sorting easier and more impactful for staff, faculty, and students and gives custodians more time for additional cleaning tasks.

The desk side bin system for offices includes a recycling bin, a small hanging waste bin, and a small hanging compost bin. Each person is then responsible for emptying their desk side bin into the new, centralized tri-stream bin in the main area of the office or close by hallway. By having staff and faculty sort and empty their own waste, it increases awareness, ownership, and responsibility for waste creation and proper waste sorting.

In the main areas of the L Building, old receptacles were replaced with tri-stream bins that include waste, compost, and recycling. This gives everyone all three waste stream options no matter where they are in the building. Paper towel composting in bathrooms was also established, eliminating a large amount of waste from BC's landfill stream.



For more information about the Mini-Max Program

Visit: [bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/waste/minimax-program/](https://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/waste/minimax-program/)



# Add a Sustainability Concentration to Your Degree!

Did you know that Bellevue College offers a Sustainability Concentration that students can tack onto their degree? A concentration in Sustainability will enrich any future career, ranging from governmental and non-profit work, to business, and technology and beyond. To receive the concentration, students will need to take 20 credits of sustainability focused courses, complete 15 hours of a service-learning project, and take a 1 credit seminar course. Many students find that they have already taken classes that qualify and fulfill most, if not all of the sustainability focused course credits. If you want to have a positive impact, work on real-world social and environmental issues, and gain tangible skills for your resume, this opportunity is for you! Any questions that you and your advisor have about the concentration should be directed to the Sustainability Concentration Coordinator, Sonya Doucette at [sonya.doucette@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:sonya.doucette@bellevuecollege.edu).



For a list of the courses that qualify as well as more information visit:  
[bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/concentration/](http://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/concentration/)

## Funded SESF projects for Fall Quarter!

The Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF) Committee had their first meeting of the school year on November 29th. The meeting was led by the committee chair, Jiarun Xie, the new ASG Social Representative. The committee's mission is to fund projects that have a positive social or environmental impact to our campus and it's students, faculty, and staff. Here is a list of the projects that were accepted.

- Bike Rental Program maintenance, repairs, and new parts in order to get the program back up and running for Winter 2023 Quarter. The program had been paused for the past 2 years due to the pandemic. Through the program anyone can rent a bike for daily or quarterly use!
- Bike Fix-it Station replacement parts. The bike fix-it station is located in the parking garage and provides bike maintenance and repair tools in order to make bike riding more accessible to and from BC.
- Two years of alternative transportation education and engagement programming from Hopelink.
- Tools and materials for Garden Club to grow and maintain plants in the greenhouse over winter and early spring.
- An artist and curriculum collaboration project to bring art and science together, creating discussion and growth around the topic of climate change.

## Join a Club for Winter Quarter 2023!

Looking for a way to get involved? BC has some great sustainability focused clubs that are open for anyone to join!

**Garden Club:** Grows sustainable fruit and vegetables from seed to plate. Contact [jennie.mayer@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:jennie.mayer@bellevuecollege.edu) to join!

**Climate Justice Club:** Advocates, educates, engages, and takes action to create a more just and sustainable future for all. Contact [david.spataro@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:david.spataro@bellevuecollege.edu) to join!

**Beekeeping Club:** Maintains and cares for the bees and beehives on BC's campus. Contact [jason.fuller@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:jason.fuller@bellevuecollege.edu) to join!

## Class Alert for Winter 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS: PHIL 122

This philosophy course, provides an introduction to the ethical and epistemological issues pertaining to our interaction with the environment. Students study the various conceptions of the value of the environment and how these bear on environmental policy debates. Topics may include the intrinsic and instrumental value of wilderness, animal rights, pollution, over-population and more specifically applied topics such as global warming or saving salmon in the Pacific Northwest.

This course fulfills either social science or humanities course requirements (not both) at Bellevue College and counts towards the Sustainability Concentration.

Contact the instructor [monica.aufrecht@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:monica.aufrecht@bellevuecollege.edu) for questions.

## Have a Project Idea to Implement on Campus?

The Student Environment Sustainability Fund (SESF) provides students, faculty, and staff a means to enhance Bellevue College's sustainability efforts and create positive social and environmental change on campus.

Fill out the paper work and present to the SESF committee for the opportunity to get your project funded!

Get started here: [bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf](http://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf)

## Sustainability Tips

### That's a Wrap!

Wrap gifts with up-cycled materials or reusable items like cloth, baskets, newspaper, and tote bags.



### These Bulbs LED the Way

Use LED lights! They last longer, save money, and use less energy compared to traditional holiday lights.

## Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Office of Sustainability's future events, initiatives, and resources through BC's daily FYI Digest, our website and social media.

For any questions feel free to email us! [sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu)



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