

**APRIL
17-22**

RESILIENCE IN ACTION



STRONGER TOGETHER

Join us! Please visit us here to see the full schedule of Earth Week events.
For any questions please email: sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu

Earth Week 2023

The Office of Sustainability is holding BC's 24th annual Earth Week on April 17th – 21st. Since 2000, coming together and celebrating Earth Week has been a long-standing tradition at Bellevue College. It's an exciting week of sustainability and climate justice-related speakers, workshops, discussions, films, and much more! All events are open to students, faculty, staff, and members of the community.

The theme this year is “Resilience in Action: Stronger Together”, which focuses on the interconnectedness of people and the planet to create a thriving community and just future.

We have great sessions from our wonderful BC faculty, as well as guest speakers from near and far!

There will be a workshop with the City of Bellevue on how to reduce food waste and avoid single-use plastics, a film screening of “Coextinction” about the Southern Resident Orcas followed by a Q&A session, a tree giveaway with local non-profit 300 Trees, a talk with Dr. Jessica Hernandez, the PNW author of “Fresh Banana Leaves”, an Earth Market with local organizations and vendors, a presentation by Julian Agyeman on just sustainabilities in policy, planning and practice, a clothing mending workshop to keep your clothes out of the landfill, and so much more! You won't want to miss the wide-range of events happening all week!



The Bellevue College Arboretum

Bellevue College is now a certified arboretum! The Grounds Department and the Office of Sustainability attained arboretum certification for the campus through ArbNet on March 27, 2023. This makes BC the 7th arboretum certified under this program in Washington State.

When walking around campus, you'll notice new signage marking the plants in the BC collection. As a requirement of accreditation, woody plants, including trees and shrubs, must be tagged with their scientific name. QR codes on the signage link to the arboretum's website where there's more information on each plant as well as a photo. All photographs were taken by Bellevue College's Introduction to Digital Photography class taught by Chris Arslain.

This exciting new project aims to connect students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community to nature, as well as educate and engage campus about topics related to horticulture, urban forestry, and sustainability.

For more information, a map, and a detailed list of species visit:
<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/landscaping-initiatives/arboretum/>



Styrofoam Recycling Program

Did you know that Bellevue College has a Styrofoam recycling program? The Office of Sustainability works with Styro Recycle, a company that manages the hard to recycle item. Currently, the Warehouse and Media Maintenance & Digital Media Services have collection locations due to their high volume of the material. Media Maintenance & Digital Media Services has been part of the program since early 2019 and have kept approximately 3,800 cubic feet of Styrofoam packaging out of the landfill! We applaud their effort in helping reduce Bellevue College's environmental impact!

If your area has large quantities of Styrofoam, bubble wrap, and plastic wrap/film, please contact sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu to work through possible solutions. The Office of Sustainability is happy to work with departments on finding a resolution to divert any reoccurring and hard to recycle items from the landfill.





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

Sustainability Tips

Bring in the Sun

During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

Windows User Over Here

Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

4th Annual Holiday Crafting Event

Back again for the 4th year, the Winter Holiday Crafting Event provided a fun atmosphere for everyone to get creative and enjoy the holiday season. This year's crafts were a wooden deer, a pallet bear family, and wreaths of various sizes. We listened to festive music, enjoyed warm beverages and refreshments, and were able to catch up with old friends while making new connections too. The crafts for the event are created using natural materials gathered on campus and prepped by the Grounds Crew as well as reused materials like the wreath frames from previous years. We hope to continue the tradition and see everyone in winter 2023!

Return to Travel Campaign

Choose Your Way Bellevue has a new campaign to help and encourage travelers to get to and from work, shopping or other destination using a non-drive-alone mode (not including telework or compressed work week). Hop on your favorite bus route, walk, bike, carpool, or start up or join a vanpool and start logging your trips towards three distinct rewards! Prizes include a \$25 gift card, a \$50 gift card, and a raffle ticket to win a pair of Bose Noise Cancelling Headphones. For more information and to sign up visit, <https://chooseyourwaybellevue.org/rewards>.

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

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!
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