We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
Welcome to your Sustainable Campus

We are proud to be your UTSC Sustainability Office and this guide will be a resource to engage in sustainability-related programs, events, and clubs on campus.

Our approach to sustainability is intentionally interdisciplinary, views students as partners and is guided by the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Sustainability Office’s mission is to help UTSC meet its sustainability goals.

The UN SDGs encourage positive change towards people and the planet and provide targets to guide nations towards achieving prosperity and peace.

We aim to empower students to take part in advancing the SDGs through opportunities on campus.
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The Sakura Grove, located in the walkway between the Humanities Wing and the Social Sciences building.
UTSC Sustainability Office
The environment, conservation and sustainability is a globally prominent, intersectional area of strength for UTSC. The mission of the sustainability office is to improve the sustainability of operations, engage students through events and programming, support integrating sustainability with teaching and learning, and support sustainable campus development and the reduction of carbon emissions.

Sustainability Offices: UTSG & UTM
U of T has sustainability offices on all three campuses! Check out initiatives from our partners.

The President’s Advisory Committee on the Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability (CECCS)
Created in 2017, the mandate of the CECCS is to advance coordination of the University’s contributions and objectives on climate change and sustainability pertaining to research and innovation, academic programs, community engagement, and sustainability initiatives related to operations.

Sustainability Pathways Program
Curricular and co-curricular pathways for all undergraduate students to incorporate sustainability learning into their program, regardless of the degree program they are in, to develop cross-cutting interdisciplinary skills.

Adams Sustainability Celebration
A celebration of the growing community of sustainability-minded students, faculty and staff at U of T. Featuring events, competitions and sustainability grants and prizes. This year’s Adams Sustainability Celebration is Fall 2022, stay tuned for details!
Indigenous Projects

U of T is dedicated in its efforts to be a place deserving of Indigenous community members. As part of its commitment to achieve this, the University released its response Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report, entitled Wecheehetowin: Answering the Call in January 2017. UTSC is committed to provide Indigenous spaces, resources, and outreach programs for Indigenous and non-Indigenous campus community members.

Indigenous House

The Indigenous House symbolizes the University of Toronto Scarborough’s recognition of its responsibility to strengthen and rehabilitate its relationship with Indigenous peoples. The Indigenous House will provide dedicated spaces for Indigenous learners, faculty and staff and serve as a communal space for our suburban and beyond Indigenous Community. Estimated completion in 2023.

Indigenous Programming

The Office of Student Experience and Well-being continues to foster Indigenous education, awareness and support to UTSC and local community through collaboration, events, workshops, training, and experiential learning on the land.

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utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/indigenous-learning-opportunities

Learning Opportunities

Indigenous U of T

This website provides an overview to the Indigenous community, initiatives, services, and academic programs on all three U of T campuses.

U of T’s 34 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Read U of T’s TRC report to learn more about the calls to action.

Wecheehetowin: Answering the Call

Read the January 2017 Final Report of U of T’s Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Wecheehetowin: Answering the Call

utsc.utoronto.ca/home/indigenous-house
Food

Choices we make about our food can have a positive impact on our planet and our communities. Eating local goods and produce is a great way to support Ontario farms, a healthy lifestyle and reduce emissions from the supply chain. It also supports local businesses, benefitting the community. Check out some tips on how you can enable sustainable change for ourselves and our communities through consumer choices.

Tips

Include more plant-based meals
- Save money, support your health, and promote sustainability by including more plant-based meals in your diet.

Local & In Season Foods:
- Supports local economies and reduces emissions from transportation.

Consider the packaging!
- Minimize waste by choosing food not packaged in disposable materials and bringing your own bags.

Resources

The UTSC Market
Purchase goods from local farms, artisans, and chefs at the UTSC Market- Every June to October since 2011
utsc.utoronto.ca/food/farmers-market

SCSU Food Centre
Provides emergency food relief, skill building and education for students, staff and faculty.

Campus Research and Teaching Farm
Programs for farming, food research, learning, and engagement with others. Schedule tours during the growing season or drop-in volunteer on Fridays!
ediblecampus.utsc@utoronto.ca
utsc.utoronto.ca/projects/utscediblecampus/home/campus-farm/

Fair Trade Campus
Fair Trade products, such as coffee and tea can be purchased on campus

Did you Know?
The IC Rooftop is open during the summer months during 12-2PM for you to enjoy your lunch!
Transportation

UTSC encourages active modes of transportation to help support reduce single-occupant vehicle trips and reduce emissions. See some tips below on how to further reduce carbon emissions and improve the air quality of our campus community.

**Tips**

**Walk & Bike**
- Decrease vehicle emissions and stay active by walking or biking.

**Carpool**
- Going to campus the same time as a friend? Try carpooling!
- Reduce emissions from single-occupant car trips

**Use Public Transit when possible!**

**Transit Routes to Campus Include:**
- 995 York Mills Express to U of T Scarborough
- 95B York Mills to U of T Scarborough
- 38A Highland Creek to Rouge Hill Go Station
- 905B Eglinton East Express to U of T Scarborough

**Resources**

**UTSC BikeShare**
For pre-planned trips and events, free bikes can be rented from the Sustainability Office. Contact the sustainability.utsc@utoronto.ca for availability

**ecoPark program**
Campus community members that own a low-emissions vehicle (LEV) can obtain a permit and reserve preferred parking spaces. Contact Parking Services to reserve your spot

✉️ parking.utsc@utoronto.ca
🌐 utsc.utoronto.ca/parking/sustainable-parking-options

**City of Toronto- BikeShare Kiosk**
10 City BikeShare bikes are available to rent for rides near the Highland Hall Bus Loop

**Bike Racks and Air Pumping**
Across campus, there are many bike racks to lock and park and also has air pumping stations for your bike tires!
Wellness

Health and wellbeing is an important aspect of sustainability. UTSC offers a wealth of resources and facilities to support you on a healthy journey through school.

The Valley Land Trail
The Valley Land Trail along Highland Creek at UTSC is a great place to spend time during study breaks and explore with friends. Spending time in nature is a great way to step away, take some deep breaths, and experience the calming environment.

Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC)
Located on the north side of campus at the corner of Tams Road and Morningside Ave. Registered students can access fitness programs, rock climbing walls, a fitness center, Olympic sized pools and more at this world-class facility.

Mental Health Support for all U of T Students
Available 24/7 in multiple languages
1-844-451-9700 for immediate support
uoft.me/myssp

Learn More

UTSC Health and Wellness Centre
Managing the health and wellbeing of students through programs, such as Breathe Well and Building Positive Mental Health. Found in Student Centre, SL-270.

Healthy Campus Initiative
Check out UTSC’s Healthy Campus Initiative which supports health-enhancing initiatives that promote health and well-being on campus.
Energy use is the largest source of carbon emissions on campus. We can all do our part to decrease the amount of carbon our university produces by following the tips. Our resources section outlines amazing projects related to saving energy at UTSC. At UTSC we track our carbon emissions year to year, and behavioural changes and energy-saving habits can add up to make a big difference!

Tips

General Tips to Save Energy

- Unplug electronics when not in use! Even plugged in when off, they draw “phantom power” and consume energy.
- Remember to close the lights!
- Switch to LED lights when possible- they can be 90% more efficient than incandescent bulbs, while also lasting 15 times longer.
- Instead of adjusting the thermostat- consider adding or removing a sweater first.
- Closing your blinds can reduce unwanted heat gain from solar exposure in the summer.
- Using cold water for laundry saves energy in heating.
- Be sure to close fumehoods in labs when not in use- They are always ventilating!

Learn More- Projects on Campus!

2 Solar Panel Arrays and 3 Geo-exchange Fields - more planned!
There are solar panels on the roof of the IC buildings and the TPASC. Geo-exchange fields are currently in the field in front of SW, under the TPASC and the ESCB. Learn about the renewable systems at the ESCB Building Website.

New Passive House Student Residence (Opening in 2023)
The new student residence being built is designed to be a Passive House Building – using a fraction of the energy than standard buildings and meeting rigorous standards for airtightness and heating demand. Learn more about Passive House Buildings here.
Waste

Waste is a sustainability topic that we encounter every day, providing opportunity to engage in behaviors that spark change. According to the government of Canada, only 9% of plastic ever gets recycled [1], so it is important to also reduce and reuse when we can and know how to properly sort your waste! Check out the tips and resources below.

City of Toronto Waste Wizard

The Waste Wizard is a great resource to understand what materials are accepted in each disposal bin in Toronto.

Tip: Recycled materials that are not cleaned of food or other contaminants are not considered recyclable!

Download the app as a quick reference guide!

Organic Waste Collection

Green Bins are available in the Student Centre food court so you can divert your organic waste from landfill!

Did You Know?

U of T has been plastic water bottle free since 2011 due to a student-led initiative called the OnTap initiative.

Learn More

Freestore  

Residence students can freely take lightly used items such as cleaning products and cookware. These items were diverted from landfill or recycling because they were donated.

Get Involved!

UTSC has both curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students to engage with sustainability.

**Sustainability Groups & Clubs**
There are many clubs on campus that drive sustainable change. For opportunities to get involved, check out some resources below:
- UTSC Club Hub: acadia.ee/utscclubhub/lobby
- Student Organization Portal: sop.utoronto.ca

**Tri campus Sustainability Calendar (on CLNx)**
Are you interested in Sustainability Events happening across UofT? The Tri-Campus Sustainability Calendar is on CLNx!
- utoronto.ca/resources/tri-campus-sustainability-calendar/

**Key Events**
- Fall: Homecoming (Eco-Scavenger Hunt!), Waste Reduction Week, Adams Sustainability Celebration (CECCS)
- Winter: Sustainability Action Awards, Sustainability Week

**Be an Agent of Change!**
Are you interested in sustainability and want to start a campaign? Contact the Sustainability Office for support!
- sustainability.utsc@utoronto.ca

**UTSC Sustainability Certificate**
Building on UTSC’s longstanding academic strengths, The Certificate in Sustainability provides an opportunity for a broad range of students to incorporate sustainability into their undergraduate studies. This certificate achieves the Sustainability Scholar in the CECCS Sustainability Pathways Program.
We are excited to have you participate in sustainable behaviors, the many clubs, and events at UTSC. We hope you found the tips and resources in this Sustainability Guide valuable for your experience on campus.

Please reach out to the Sustainability Office if you have any questions, comments, or feedback. Follow us on Instagram for updates on our activities and events you can participate, and learn more about campus resources from our website.

Cherry Blossoms at the Sakura Grove at UTSC