

Tools & Programs for Living On Campus Sustainably

RECYCLING

Bates has a campus-wide, easily accessible recycling program with color-coded bins for mixed paper (blue), returnable bottles & cans (yellow), and an area for cardboard (green) in every building.

In addition, some buildings have bins for newspapers & magazines, and #2 plastic, glass, and tin.

All student rooms on campus have a trash bin and a recycling bin. Students are responsible for emptying their individual bins into the larger designated trash/recycling bins located in every student residence.

Bates also collects rechargeable batteries, cell phones (see specialized collection containers in Pettengill and Ladd Library), and compact fluorescent light bulbs (you can give spent CFLs to your custodian) for recycling.

What about all the stuff you don't want to take with you at the end of the year? All reusable items such as clothes, lamps, furniture, sports equipment, etc. can be left in designated collection areas (usually in each residence's lounge) to be donated for Bates' annual Clean Sweep event.

Clean Sweep is a partnership between the college and local non-profit organizations. We work together to collect unwanted items during student move-out in the spring; clean, organize and price the items, and then sell them in a huge tag sale (the sale fills the entire ice arena) as a fundraiser. All of the proceeds go to participating non-profit organizations so it's a win-win all around: we keep an arena's worth of stuff from going right into the landfill, community members love shopping at the sale, and local organizations get the proceeds.



TRANSPORTATION

Bates Bike program

Originally introduced in fall 2007, the Bates Bike program offers students a free, sustainable transportation option.

When you sign up for the program, you receive a key that gives you access to any of the 25+ bikes on campus marked with yellow "Sustainable Bates; A Community in Action" decals. Use the bikes on campus, and in the surrounding Lewiston-Auburn community.

To sign up and get a key see Suzy Nattress in the Access Control Office in Chase Hall (across from the bookstore).

Feel free to ride the bikes to class or take one for a quick trip off campus. It is your responsibility to always lock the bike when you leave it.

Bates is also a great campus to bring your own personal bicycle. It is easy to store bikes on campus. There are bike racks outside of all the houses, dorms, and most of the campus's other buildings. There is also indoor storage in the basement of all residences and a bike barn at Rand Hall. Remember to register your bike with Campus Security for extra protection.

Zipcars

No need to bring your car to campus! Bates has two Toyota Prius hybrids on campus, available for reservation 24/7/365.

Signing up is quick and easy. Visit the Zipcar homepage at www.zipcar.com/bates/. Membership entails a \$35 annual fee. Once you are a member, you can reserve a car right from your computer. It costs \$7 per hour or \$55 per day (mileage limited, additional mileage charged on a per mile basis). This fee includes gas, insurance, maintenance and a free guaranteed parking spot!

*With membership all members aged 21 and older will also gain access to Zipcar's network of more than 3,500 vehicles throughout North America and the U.K.

BATES DINING

You can feel good about every meal you eat in the Bates Dining hall. Bates' dining program has integrated environmental stewardship into its decision-making process at all levels and is widely known as a national model for sustainability.

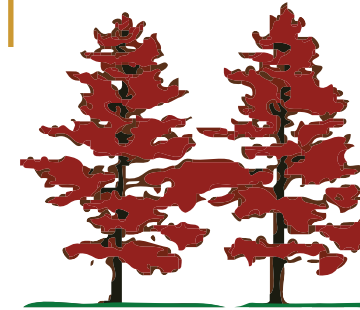
The college's 08/09 year-long focus on a strong and healthy food culture – "*Bates Contemplates Food*" – underscores the college's commitment to stewardship as an important component of both our campus culture and educational mission.

The new dining commons was built to a LEED Silver equivalence level, emphasizing natural ventilation and light, dual flush toilets, and 100% Maine renewable energy.

More than 82% of dining waste is diverted from the landfill through partnership programs with local farms that take pre- and post-consumer food waste as compost and pig feed, organizations that use leftover food to help provide meals for community members who need them, and companies like Stonyfield Farms who take back their yogurt containers directly for recycling.

Almost 30% of the college's total food budget is spent on local, natural and organic food.

Bates was the first college in the nation to adopt a Take-A-Mug-Leave-A-Mug program. You have probably already used a commons mug instead of paper cups. Simply return your mug to commons or in designated collection bins for washing and pick up a fresh one.



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How Can I Get Involved with Sustainability on Campus?

The Bates Energy Action Movement (BEAM)

The Bates Energy Action Movement was founded just three years ago, but it has made itself known on campus and across Maine. BEAM is a lively group, composed of students dedicated to promoting carbon neutrality at Bates and fighting anthropogenic global climate change.

BEAM took a role in encouraging Bates' President Hansen to sign onto the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in early 2007. In February 2008, BEAM hosted the 5th Annual Maine State Climate. Then this past winter 40 Bates students traveled to

Washington, D.C. for Powershift 2009 joining 12,000 others calling for the President and Congress to strengthen policies that prioritize renewable energy and green jobs. This coming year, BEAM will be working on projects to promote and focus awareness on the international "350" campaign. This will likely include a bike-a-thon (350 people and their bikes!) and reaching out to groups here in Lewiston to initiate the first 350 event in the horn of Africa.

The group meets weekly. If you are interested in joining the effort, please contact Rob Friedman at



Students marching for climate change at the national Powershift 2009 rally in Washington DC.

rfriedm2@bates.edu or Emily Grady at egrady@bates.edu.

The Environmental Coalition (EC)



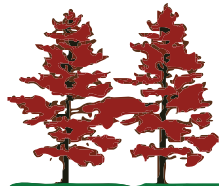
The Environmental Coalition began its work over a decade ago. Today it is a group of students working towards environmental

understanding, appreciation, and ultimately, responsibility on the Bates Campus, in Lewiston-Auburn, and on a national level.

The Environmental Coalition's projects in the past few years have included campaigning efforts, campus awareness and education projects, collaborative efforts with local non profits, and artistic displays and projects. EC is always looking for new, creative ideas to keep ourselves and the campus engaged in environmental issues. Projects for this coming fall include participation in weekly bird walks as

well as partnering with local organizations to connect students' environmental interests with our local community.

The group meets in the Environmental Building, 111 Bardwell. Please watch out for announcement emails regarding the date of the first meeting. In the meantime, contact one of the co-presidents Hannah Roebuck (hroebuck@bates.edu) or Erin Bourgault (ebourgau@bates.edu) if you are interested in joining.



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Student Clubs

The Bates Outing Club (BOC)

Did you know that every member of the Bates community is automatically a member of the Bates Outing Club?

Throughout the year you can join the BOC's outing trips going hiking, canoeing, snowshoeing, and/or skiing.

To facilitate your solo or small group outdoor fun, with membership comes access to the E-room (equipment room) in the basement of Hathorn Hall. Borrow snowshoes,



BOC members on the top of Mount Katahdin in 2007.

skis, lifejackets, or hiking packs – whatever the adventure and season dictates.

While you do not need to attend weekly meetings with the Outing Club to enjoy the trips or use the e-room, it is a fun way to meet others with similar interests. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the basement of the Grey Cage.

You can check out the Outing Club's webpage (www.batesoutingclub.com) or browse their periodical, *The Legend* (available on the homepage).

Please contact Rob Friedman at rfriedm2@bates.edu if you'd like more information.

College Committees

The Committee on Environmental Responsibility (CER)

The Committee on Environmental Responsibility comprised of faculty, staff and students is at the core of many of the college's environmental policy changes.

The group has been around for more than a decade, constantly redeveloping as times have changed. In 2007, after Bates brought on our full time Environmental Coordinator, the newly constituted CER began once again to redefine what

sustainability means on campus. This fall the CER is working with consultants to develop the college's Climate Neutrality Action Plan to meet our obligation under the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

Over the winter semester the group will be working to update a Sustainability Plan for Bates, detailing goals for the next

three to five years.

The Committee is designated as a faculty-staff-student effort and strongly encourages student participation. If you would like more information please contact John Smedley at jsmedley@bates.edu.

Participation on this committee is a semester-long commitment so be prepared to attend all meetings.



The Energy Task Force

In an effort to reduce energy usage on campus, Bates has formed an Energy Task Force.

The task force is comprised primarily of physical plant staff who work directly with the mechanical, plumbing, lighting, and heating infrastructure of the campus, although the group also includes other staff and faculty members and welcomes participation from students.

Over the summer the task force worked to identify and prioritize a list of

efficiency projects, conservation

policies, and outreach efforts to implement over the up-coming year. During the academic year the task force will meet monthly to evaluate progress and identify further projects.

Part of the impetus in forming the group was to reduced our energy consumption and thus cut costs. Energy consumes the second the largest portion of the college's

budget, with costs of more than \$4 million annually.

We welcome student participation in the group. Contact Paul Farnsworth at pfarnswo@bates.edu to get involved. Participation on this task force is a semester-long commitment so be prepared to attend all meetings.

Campus Events

EnviroLunches

The Environmental Studies program is teaming up with the Sustainability Office to host an "EnviroLunch" every Thursday throughout the school year.

These gatherings are an opportunity for Bates community — faculty, staff, and

students to informally come together over environmental topics.

Topics will range from practical (how to raise backyard chickens) to informative (Otis fellow and ES internship presentations) to local and hands-on

(Lewiston's community food assessment).

Join us in NC rm 221 from 12:10-1pm. Free pizza will be provided. Look out for emails announcing the first gathering and topics for each week.

Bates & the L/A Winterization program

This fall Bates will be teaming up with Lewiston/Auburn city officials and local contractors to winterize low income homes in Androscoggin County.

Building on the Keep ME Warm program, the new Winterizing L/A program will

provide supplies and training for volunteers on how to winterize drafty homes and conserve energy.

Chase House will be used as a practice site to train volunteers. Those trained will become team leaders and work with a

crew of volunteers to go out and winterize low income homes in the L/A area.

If you cannot make the training (there will be two - dates TBD) you can still volunteer as part of a crew. Be on the lookout for more information.

Project 350

Project 350 aims to focus the world's attention on climate change through coordinated local actions worldwide on October 24. Bates is teaming up across campus and with community members throughout Lewiston to organize our local day of action in Kennedy Park.

Beginning with new student orientation, watch for a series of "350" events

throughout the semester leading up to October 24. Why "350?" It refers to the number of parts per million that scientists have identified as a safe upper limit for eCO₂ in our atmosphere. The planetary level currently stands at 387ppm.

In December, world leaders will be convening to renegotiate an agreement on atmospheric levels of greenhouse

gases. The goal of Project 350 is to mobilize actions around the world in support of strong science and international action, and at the same time educate people about personal actions and pending policy options to reduce emissions.

Contact Julie Rosenbach at jrosenba@bates.edu to get involved.



Trashion Show

Coming up on its fourth year, the Trashion Show is now a tradition at Bates. Held in conjunction with Dining's Harvest Meal (in November), last year

over 500 student spectators cheered on 24 staff and student designers and models as they presented elaborate fashions made out of reused and recycled materials.

Register to design a fashion. Hook up with someone to model theirs. Or just cheers people on as the do their strut down the catwalk!

Jobs

EcoRep program

Every year five to eight students are hired to work with the Environmental Coordinator on peer-to-peer education and outreach programs for sustainability.

EcoReps organize events, develop outreach and lead activities to educate and engage the campus in recycling, energy conservation, and sustainable

transportation at Bates.

All EcoReps are hired in the spring for the start of the fall academic year. The EcoReps get to know each other and build momentum during a day-long training session at the start of the school year and meet weekly during the semester.

This year, the EcoReps will be focusing on recycling. Look for ways to participate — there will be a waste audit, recycling competitions and more.

Contact the Environmental Coordinator, Julie Rosenbach at jrosenba@bates.edu if you are interested in getting involved. Paid positions will be posted in the spring.