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EARTH WEEK

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The University of Southern Mississippi recently finished up a highly successful week of education and enrichment in the world of sustainability: Earth Week 2013.

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The Office of Sustainability – University of Southern Mississippi

Office of Sustainability schedules Town Hall meeting to discuss the future of campus sustainability

On this past Friday night, the University of Southern Mississippi student population took a stand against waste. The best and the brightest student leaders came together with the Office of Sustainability to discuss the future of sustainability at our university.

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of Sustainability, "People are getting involved and showing that they care. The student population is really starting to wake up to these ideas."

Topics discussed at the meeting included things such as behavior modification through new purchasing paradigms, ways to get on and off campus communities involved in living sustainably, as well as the creation of learning opportunities for various types of majors to help drive interest and investment in this new plan. The Office of Sustainability has plans to draw up these benchmarks and begin implementing them with student lead groups as soon as possible.

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Town Hall meeting discusses future of sustainability on campus.



Sustainability Advocates host Mock Oil Spill on campus.



Suggestions for a more sustainable end of the year move out.

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Southern Miss hosts Mock Oil Spill - Educates students on hazards of reckless drilling.

To kick off Earth Week 2013, your very own student lead sustainability group, Sustainability Advocates, hosted a Mock Oil Spill on our very own campus to espouse the dangers of irresponsible and reckless drilling.

Kat Knauer, president of Sustainability Advocates, commented, "I think the oil spill definitely got people's attention about the reality of off shore drilling. We have a small group but I think we also make a big impact!"

The event focused on educating the student population on the long term effects a major oil spill could have on our local ecosystem.

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Sustainability Advocates putting on their Mock Oil spill on Centennial Lawn

Getting ready to move out of campus but don't know how to do it sustainably? Let us point you in the right direction!

Moving out at the end of the year can be a hassle, but don't fret! The Office of Sustainability can help you make your transition from Spring to Summer an enjoyable, sustainably responsible event. Here is some suggestions to help you move out of your residence hall/office/apartment sustainably:

- 1. Please break down all boxes and place behind the larger building cans.** Our day to day operations, in the past, have been slowed down greatly by the process of breaking down boxes. We ask the campus community to discard any styrofoam and place *flattened* boxes *behind* the large building cans.
- 2. Know Your Pick-Up Schedule.** On our website, there is a pick-up schedule

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pick-up days. At our private residences, if our trash pick-up is on a Thursday morning, we typically would not place our trash bins out until Wednesday evening.

The same should be true for recycling here on campus. The zones and schedule can be found [here](#).

3. **Don't Pile It Up!** All seven-gallon cans should be emptied by custodial on a daily basis. This constant flow of recycling should alleviate any need to accumulate large amounts of recycling at any given time. The goal is to create a synergistic flow between the campus community and the recycling operation. Allowing the system to work as designed will do just that.

4. **Shredding.** All materials collected by recycling are destroyed. This includes all documents. If a department has HIGHLY sensitive documents (i.e. FERPA, HIPPA, etc) they should be shredded either by the department using a shredder or by hiring a shredding company (most use Shred-It). The vast majority of documents can enter the recycling stream securely and be destroyed by our service provider.

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Green Tip of the Month

Are you concerned about the rising cost of gasoline? Never fear! Drive the speed limit or lower and consider consolidating all of your errands for the week into one trip. For more information on how to save gas, check out [16 Tips for Better Gas Mileage!](#)

For more information on sustainable driving habits, check out [this page!](#)

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