



SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

I pledge to shift the culture with my sustainability choices at the University of Chicago and beyond.

I have the power to make a positive difference in our climate crisis.

I can affect positive change with my intentional choices.

Your circularity choices

- ☐ Single-stream
- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ E-waste
- ☐ Plastic bags
- ☐ UChicago Marketplace

Your workplace

- ☐ Go paperless
- ☐ Carry a reusable beverage container, straw, food container, and bag
- ☐ Conserve energy and water in campus buildings, especially in labs shut the sash
- ☐ Repair tech before replacing it by connecting with the Tech Bar or a local shop, or recycle

Your energy and water usage

- ☐ Conserve energy in your room
- ☐ Conserve water when you shower and run the tap
- ☐ Turn off lights and use task lighting
- ☐ Take time to unplug
- ☐ Report water leaks and hot or cold rooms

Your dining

- ☐ Reduce food waste
- ☐ Learn about sustainable initiatives in UChicago Dining
- ☐ Shop local and support local farmers' markets

Your transportation and travel

- ☐ Walk, scoot, bike, skate
- ☐ Shuttle, CTA bus or El train, Metra
- ☐ Carpool
- ☐ Low emission vehicle
- ☐ Returning to campus via bus, train, carpool, or greener flying

Your footprint from shipping

- ☐ Bulk order
- ☐ Reuse and recycle packaging

Your campus

- ☐ Explore why campus is designated a botanic garden
- ☐ Explore Jackson Park, 57th St Beach, Promontory Point, Washington Park
- ☐ Steward green spaces and respect plantings, trees, and wildlife
- ☐ Visit Lake Michigan and steward clean water
- ☐ Commit to end litter
- ☐ Join a campus clean-up
- ☐ Support sustainability events by attending or planning your own
- ☐ Attend a campus sustainability tour

Your off-campus housing

- ☐ Opt-in for composting

Your voice and talent

- ☐ Join a registered student organization working on sustainability
- ☐ Find research opportunities like EFCampus
- ☐ Engage with the campus voter registration drive
- ☐ Take a class covering climate and sustainability topics
- ☐ Volunteer in a community garden or at a community organization
- ☐ Donate your meal swipes and Maroon dollars to UChicago C.A.R.E.S.
- ☐ Share your feedback on accessibility with Facilities Services
- ☐ Propose a project to the Green Fund

Your legacy

- ☐ Calculate your carbon footprint
- ☐ Learn about sustainability practices
- ☐ Research solutions to climate change
- ☐ Choose your role on campus and beyond