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At Michigan State University, green is more than a school color. It's an attitude of personal responsibility and hard work that is shared by students, faculty and staff who, through both small steps and big collective actions, show how daily intentional actions can make a big impact—and a better world.



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At Michigan State University, green is more than a school color. Spartans inspire and influence change on campus that resonates around the world.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Be Spartan Green campaign engages the campus community in conversations and actions that support sustainability initiatives now and for the future.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

In efforts to achieve the goals of the Energy Transition Plan, MSU researches and tests alternative and sustainable energy sources on campus, such as food waste that is converted to natural gas at the Anaerobic Digester.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Along with miles of walkways for pedestrians, MSU is a certified Bike Friendly University that features its own Bikes Service Center. Public transit is also available via the CATA bus system.

FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

MSU's Culinary Services partners with the Beef Program, Dairy Store, Bakers and Student Organic Farm to purchase food raised, grown or made right at the university. Recycling delivers pre-consumer food waste to the Student Organic Farm for vermicomposting and post-consumer food waste to the Anaerobic Digester to be converted into natural gas for energy.

SOLID WASTE REDUCTION

All non-hazardous waste is handled by the MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center, where items and materials can be reused, resold or recycled instead of going to the landfill. The Dairy Research & Teaching Center turns thousands of pounds of manure into compost that is used on the university's grounds.

WATER CONSERVATION

MSU has several LEED-certified buildings with features such as rain-water reclamation, porous asphalt and native plant rain gardens. The Global Water Initiative is leading worldwide research in water conservation efforts.

