

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sep 26: "Technology's Role in a Just Energy Transition: Implications for Regions like Saskatchewan"**

A presentation by Dr. Joseph McCarney at Luther College at the University of Regina, Room 100, 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

- **Nov 12-13: ASHRAE BuildGreen Saskatchewan Conference**

A multistakeholder conference for AEC Professionals, Developers & Builders, Regulators & Policy Makers, Utilities, and the Community. For more information or to register, click [HERE](#).

- **Nov 13-15: Model United Nations Conference (URMUN25)**

Students will be assigned a country to represent and research its position/initiatives as relates to their topic(s). They'll take part in simulated committee sessions and work with other delegates on drafting resolutions & trying to solve global problems. Register [HERE](#).

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Gabriela Beltran. I received a Master's degree in Public Policy in 2024.

My research explored the role of municipal decision-making in the value of water and the impact of water policies on community wellbeing amidst the increasing frequency and intensity of droughts. I aimed to promote public policies that help communities better manage water challenges and improve their wellbeing, particularly in vulnerable areas. The master's program in public policy improved my research skills and allowed me to focus on a specific area of public policy that can benefit society. Through my research, I highlighted the importance of social values in decision-making during droughts and the crucial role that city governments play in supporting community wellbeing.

Read more on our website at

www.uregina.ca/sustainability/student-profiles.html



BEYOND PLASTIC ECOCHALLENGE



This July, the University of Regina took on the Beyond Plastic Ecochallenge via ecochallenge.org. We encouraged faculty, staff, and students to reimagine their relationship with plastic — not just in daily choices, but in the systems that shape them. They completed challenges to refuse what is not needed, reduce whenever possible, and rethink alternative options in order to gain points. Ecochallenge events also included a free to attend presentation from SARCAN!

*Congratulations
to challenge winners!*

GLOBAL CHANGE AWARD

The H&M Foundation (<https://hmfoundation.com/>) is looking for the next cohort of Global Change Award winners. Ten early-stage changemakers will be selected – each working to cut greenhouse gas emissions across the textile value chain while driving social impact.

As nominators, we're here to connect big potential with big support: €200,000 grants, a systems-focused Changemaker Programme, and a powerful global network.

Know someone building the future of fashion? Contact WMSD Lab (kelvin.ng@uregina.ca) or learn more at globalchangeaward.com



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STOP. THINK. SORT!

We are excited to see the newly renovated Lab and Riddell Common Areas on campus! In these areas, we have released new signage to help with sorting of waste materials. In the near future, food waste bins will also be added! Please contact us with any feedback on the signage.

Go green, **together.**

Go far, *together.*

 Food Waste	 Cans, Bottles, Beverage Containers	 Mixed Recycling	 Landfill
<p><i>Food scraps, used napkins, compostable takeout containers and cups, tea bags, and coffee grounds.</i></p> <p>Food Scraps</p> <p>Used Napkins / Paper Towels</p> <p>Pizza Boxes (food residue is okay)</p> <p>Compostable Items (look for these symbols)</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Please remove lids and empty liquids into sink before placing in the bin. Includes clean #1 plastics such as bottles and some takeout containers.</i></p> <p>Aluminum Cans (emptied)</p> <p>Bottles (emptied)</p> <p> PET</p> <p>Beverage Containers (boxes and Tetra Pak)</p>	<p><i>Other recyclable materials such as cardboard, plastics #2-7, household aluminum, and glass. Clean and dry items only.</i></p> <p>Plastic & Paper Cups (emptied)</p> <p> Number 2 - 7</p> <p>Household Aluminum (clean & emptied)</p> <p>Cardboard & Paper (clean items only)</p>	<p><i>Not recyclable or compostable. Disposables including: Styrofoam, coated coffee cups, wrappers, and bottle caps.</i></p> <p>Food Wrappers (chip bags, foil wrappers, plastic films)</p> <p>Coated Cups (cups with non-recyclable and non-compostable lining)</p> <p>Plastic Cutlery</p> <p>Styrofoam</p>

WASTE REFORM 2025: PROHIBITION OF WASTE

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Conference “Prohibition of Waste: Here’s to Circular Solutions” brought together organizations, students, and sustainability leaders to share ideas on waste reduction and resource recovery. The conference sparked conversation around how other departments like Engineering and Education could support waste reduction through design or curriculum, and how programs like the community fridge could be expanded to meet the real need on campus. Food recovery initiatives could not only reduce “waste” but also create meaningful volunteer and job opportunities for students.

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