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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable dining at the University of Houston

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What is sustainability and why should I care?



www.youtube.com/watch?v=9w95OzBqP1M

UH dining sustainability accomplishments

- Eliminating Styrofoam
- Reusable to-go container program
- Recycled content napkins
- Cougar Woods dining hall: LEED Silver
- Meatless Monday
- Fryer oil recycling
- What are we doing:

<http://univofhouston.campusdish.com/Sustainability/WhatWeAreDoing.aspx>

What more can we do?

- STARS
- University of Houston:
 - Food and Beverage Purchasing: .02/4
 - Low Impact Dining: 1/3
- University of North Texas:
 - Purchasing: 3/4
 - Low Impact: 1/3
- Rice University:
 - Purchasing: .8/4
 - Low Impact: 1/3

UH dining sustainability projects

- Recycling in dining halls
- Local purchasing
- Fair trade
- Video link:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzARPA6KgxA

Fair trade

- UH History
- Beyond coffee: tea, chocolate, wine, nuts, herbs, apparel, etc.
- Benefits: fair pay and wages, access to education, sustainability, equity, safe working conditions, transparency, empowerment, 3rd party verification
- Steps: build team, campus outlets need two products, source at events & meetings, educate, pass resolution

Aramark commitments & programs

- Sustainable seafood, cage-free eggs, gestation-free pork
- Responsible purchasing
- Building operations
- Energy and water
- Transportation
- Waste management
- More at:

enrichingliveseveryday.com/environmentalstewardship

The charge of the office

- Facilitate collaboration: campus and community
- Collect institutional sustainability data
- Lead communications, outreach and events
- Question UH processes
- Recommend sustainability improvements
- Direct student sustainability team
- Manage programs: Campus Community Garden

Questions?

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