

CWRU's Office For Sustainability E-Newsletter

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## About Us

The **Office for Sustainability** is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, promoting local food, recycling, and sustainable purchasing, as well as advocating for individual and institutional behavior change.

### Questions/Feedback?

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## Green Bag Lunch Series: A Second Life for your Excess Office Furniture

Wednesday, July 11, noon - 1:00pm  
Tink Senior Classroom

Join us to learn more about how you can deal with your CWRU department's unneeded office furniture. A panel of speakers will include CWRU interior designer, Habitat ReStore manager, the organizer of Thwing's annual garage sale, and an educator from the county Solid Waste District.

Dessert provided by CWRU Office for Sustainability. Those attending are encouraged to bring their lunch.

### Please RSVP.

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### **Volunteer at the Garden@Case**

Volunteers are still needed to water and weed the Garden@Case during the growing season. Contact [Brian Gray](#) for more information.



## **Track Your Commute to Win Prizes and Curb Air Pollution**

Throughout June, Northeast Ohio workplaces are competing against each other to reduce their commuting greenhouse gas emissions as part of the NOACA Commuter Challenge. CWRU is encouraging our campus community to log their commutes on the Gohio portal to track how they get to work - RTA, cycling, carpooling or even just driving alone. The Office for Sustainability will award top CWRU commute loggers with a free breakfast party in July. Log your commute on our [CWRU Gohio portal](#) and learn more on [our website](#).

## **Community Events**

### [University Farm Stand](#)

Saturday, July 7  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
University Farm

### [GardenWalk Cleveland](#)

Saturday, Sunday, July 7 & 8  
10:00am - 5:00pm

### [Slow Roll Cleveland](#)

Monday, July 9  
7:00 - 9:00pm  
Uptown

### [Vital Neighborhoods, Powered by PechaKucha](#)

Tuesday, July 11  
5:30- 8:00pm  
Music Box Supper Club

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## **CWRU is STARS Silver First Public Submission**

CWRU has earned a STARS Silver rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of

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Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 22

Throughout Cleveland

[University Farm Stand](#)

Saturday, July 21

9:00am - 1:00pm

[Seed Saving Workshop](#)

Monday, July 30

6:00 - 7:00pm

Cuyahoga Public Library

Jefferson Branch

[Parched: How to Prevent a Day Zero in Cleveland](#)

Thursday, August 14

6:00 - 9:30pm

Spice Acres Farm

System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education. CWRU earned a total score of 58.96 to earn a Silver rating. CWRU's STARS report is publicly available on the [STARS website](#). Learn more on our [website](#).



## Get Your Local Food at the University Farm Stand this Season

The [CWRU University Farm](#) is kicking-off the harvest season with a farm stand. The stand is open every other Saturday from 9:00am - 1:00pm starting July 7. Produce available will reflect what's harvested that week. Find more dates and details on their [website](#) and [social media](#).

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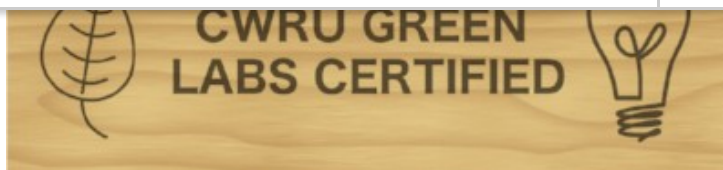
## Straw Ban

Straws are one of the most ubiquitous, single-use plastics, given out with every drink, at every restaurant. Unfortunately, many of them end up in our waterways and ultimately harm our wildlife. In May, Bon Appetit Management Company, CWRU's on-site food management vendor, boldly decided nationally to ban plastic straws. Bon Appetit's forward-thinking decision will have a huge impact, reducing many of the 17 million plastic straws they have purchased annually. Learn more on [our website](#).



## Vote for Cleveland

Due to Cleveland's leadership on climate action, our city has been selected as a finalist in the World Wildlife Fund's One Planet City Challenge. Cleveland is one of 50 cities from 23 countries participating through June 30. Place [your vote](#) daily to help The Land win!

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## Green Labs Audit Program

The Green Labs Program aims to reduce the energy consumption and waste generated by the 1,300 research labs at CWRU. The Office for Sustainability auditors work with interested researchers to better understand their unique lab and provide personalized feedback to reduce energy consumption and waste. Student auditors collect and analyze data and then provide a customized report with practical steps researchers can take to green their lab. Find more information on [our website](#) or email [greenlabs@case.edu](mailto:greenlabs@case.edu) to learn more.

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