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Earth Friendly Move Out – April 20-May 10

Vanderbilt's Earth Friendly Move Out provides donation and recycling opportunities to keep large volumes of material out of landfills. The Office of Housing and Residential Education (OHARE) has multiple [donation locations](#) set up across campus that benefit a variety of non-profit charities. In addition to traditional material recycling options, you can drop off your personal unwanted or broken electronics, computers, and appliances in the [specially designated areas](#). For donation and recycling area locations and more details, see the SustainVU [website](#).

Air Quality Awareness Week – April 27-May 1

It's hard to believe that the academic year is already coming to an end! Even though our students will be leaving campus, there are still many activities to attend in Nashville and many things to celebrate, including Air Quality Awareness Week, Bike to Work Day, and Vanderbilt's inclusion in the Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges for the fourth year in a row! Don't forget that Earth Friendly Move Out is underway, so donation and recycling locations have been expanded across campus. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Good luck to our seniors graduating this month, and to all of our faculty and students on their summer plans!

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Update on Vanderbilt's power plant conversion to natural gas

About 75 million people in the U.S. live in areas with unhealthy air. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality Awareness week brings awareness to how air quality affects your health. Look for [Air Quality Alerts](#) that will be issued by the EPA to notify you when air quality gets particularly bad during the hottest parts of the summer. [Learn](#) how you can take action, and better the air you breathe each day! Take a pledge [here](#) and sign up for Air Quality Alerts [here](#) with the [Clean Air Partnership of Middle Tennessee!](#)

Community Shred, Pharmaceutical & Electronics Recycling Day – May 3

[Metro Public Works](#) and their partners will be accepting all types of electronics for recycling May 3, 9:00am-12:00pm at LP Field Lot D including: cell phones, computers, TVs, printer, scanners, video cassettes, CDs, VCRs, DVDs, phone and computer batteries, and more. A Shred-it high speed, mobile, cross shredder will also be on site to safely destroy your personal documents. All shredded documents will be pulped and recycled. Pharmaceutical disposal will also be on site. More details [here](#).

Engage Green: DIY Natural Home & Personal Care – May 6

Get clean and go natural with [Urban Green Lab](#) and [Team Green Adventures!](#) Learn how to make your daily home and body care routine



University leadership, students, faculty and staff gathered in the shadow of the university power plant Thursday, April 9, to celebrate Vanderbilt's power plant becoming coal-free. "Our campus is a place of energy, excitement and beauty. But in the middle of this dynamic

place, there's a smokestack," Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos said. "As we started thinking about our future, the future of our planet, and what was good stewardship of Vanderbilt, it was an easy decision to go forward and stop burning coal on campus."

The plant burned its [last lump of coal](#) in November, ending 126 years of coal use on campus. Demolition of the exhaust stack, silo and other coal infrastructure is underway and is scheduled to be completed in early June. The stack began demolition on April 10, 2015, the day after the Coal Free Celebration. Look at the progress of how much has come down to date!

Also, check out the [@VanderbiltU](#) Instagram [time-lapse](#) of the demolition and a [fly-over](#) of the plant. Read the [full article](#) and see photos from the event [here](#).

Earth-friendly move-out tips

Moving out for students can be a hectic process of trying to fit a year's worth of items into cars, suitcases, and storage. For all the items that don't fit, Vanderbilt's Earth Friendly Move Out provides opportunities to keep a large volume of material out of the landfill while helping others at the same time.

Donate:

The Office of Housing and Residential Education ([OHARE](#)) will have donation locations set up at all campus residence halls benefiting a variety of [non-profit charities](#). You can donate many items, including old textbooks, clothing, and furniture, at any of these locations or post them on [Vandy FreeSwap!](#) Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the Highland Quad [donation](#)

more green on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 at the Pure Nashville Salon. The workshop will include a hands-on demonstration of how to make your own household cleaners with the opportunity to take some home! More details and RSVP [here](#).

Vanderbilt Commencement – May 6-8

SEMO will provide recycling for water bottles, and water coolers will be available to reduce the amount of plastic waste generated. In addition, leftover strawberries from the Strawberries and Champagne event will be donated to the Nashville Zoo and Walden's Puddle. See pictures of past strawberry donations [here](#).

Bike to Work Day – May 15

More than half of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of their workplace, making bicycling a feasible and fun way to get to work! Take advantage of the opportunity to increase your health and reduce your transportation impact on Bike to Work Day and everyday by choosing your bicycle! [Walk/Bike Nashville](#) invites bike commuters to Public Square Park at 7:45am on Friday, May 15 for a breakfast address by special guest Mayor Karl Dean! More details [here](#).

Tour de Nash – May 16

The [Tour de Nash](#) is Nashville's largest urban bike ride. The event has been organized for the past 10 years by [Walk/Bike Nashville](#) to encourage people to explore Nashville's best bikeways and roads by bicycle. This

[location](#), which includes a donation trailer that is easy to access without having to enter a residence hall.

Recycle:

In addition to donating, there are many convenient [locations](#) on campus for recycling common items. Please drop off your personal unwanted electronics, tablets, computers, and appliances in the specially designated areas outdoors around the residence halls. Vanderbilt-owned electronics need to be surplus through the established [process](#).

For more traditional recycling items such as plastic, paper (including textbooks), aluminum, glass and flattened cardboard, students are encouraged to use the residential recycling areas [located](#) near each residence hall rather than throwing items away. Faculty and staff can place these in the nearest recycling locations in their building when cleaning out for summer.



Clean Power Plan Discussion at Vanderbilt Law School



If you would like more in-depth information on the effects of the EPA's proposed [Clean Power Plan](#), the [Vanderbilt Law School](#) and the [Vanderbilt School of Medicine](#) are

hosting "The Clean Power Plan: Health, Energy Demand and Economic Effects" May 18 and 19 at Vanderbilt Law School's Flynn Auditorium.

Policymakers, scholars and practitioners from several disciplines will explore different perspectives on the health, energy demand and economic effects of the EPA's [developing Clean Power Plan](#). Read more about the event [here](#).

Vanderbilt Included in the Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges

year's event will be on May 16 starting in Morgan Park. The Tour will include 3 routes: the Family Ride (8.6 miles), the Gran Tour (31 miles), and the Metric Century (59 miles). More details [here](#).

Clean Power Plan Workshop – May 18-19

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Green Home Guide: Enhancing Energy Efficiency – May 19

Join [Urban Green Lab](#) as they teach you simple, cost-effective tips to enhance your home's energy efficiency. Cut energy costs with simple fixes to maximize energy savings just in time for summer's hot temperatures! The workshop will be held Tuesday, May 19 from 6:00-7:00pm at the Bellevue Public Library. More details and RSVP [here](#).

Vanderbilt University was included in the Princeton Review Guide to 353 Green Colleges for the fourth year in a row! The Guide to Green



Colleges was published April 16, a few days before the April 22 celebration of Earth Day. The free, 218-page guide can be downloaded [here](#).

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this sixth edition based on data from hundreds of colleges responses concerning commitments to the environment and sustainability as provided through the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education's STARS reporting system. Vanderbilt University received a score of 97 out of a total 99 points possible!

Take the Music City Circuit to Sounds Games



Nashville Metro Transit Authority (MTA)'s Music City Circuit is offering free rides to Nashville Sounds' fans attending games at the new First Tennessee Park! You can ride an MTA bus or the Music City Star to Riverfront Station, Music City

Central, or the Gulch and then be picked up for free by the Music City Circuit to reach the stadium.

The Blue Circuit buses depart from stops at Riverfront Station and near Music City Central, central bus transit station on Charlotte Avenue next to Municipal Auditorium. Green Circuit buses depart from the Gulch. Passengers will be dropped off at the 5th and Harrison stop, which is a short walk to the stadium entrance. Read [more](#) information and see Nashville MTA maps [here](#).

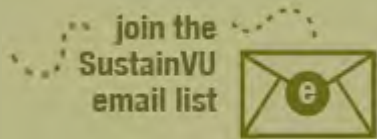
May is Bike Month

Urban Agriculture Series: Bees, Brews, and Blossoms – May 23

Take a tour of Blackstone Brewery's urban orchard, hops farm, and honey bee collective with [Sound Forest](#) and Sweet Swarms Apiary. Learn about Sweet Swarm's pollination efforts and how Blackstone and Sound Forest are benefiting from the bees on this interactive tour Saturday, May 23 from 12-2pm at 2314 Clifton Ave. More details and RSVP [here](#).



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May is National Bike Month, which was established in 1956 as a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling. Biking to work or school helps you save money at the gas pump, benefits your health, and helps reduce your impact on the environment!

Celebrate Bike Month with one of the many events happening in Nashville! [Bike to Work Day](#) is Friday, May 15. Walk/Bike Nashville is hosting a breakfast and meet-up at the Public Square from 7:45-8:30am for all bike commuters with special guest Mayor Karl Dean. Don't forget that Vanderbilt has many bike racks and shower facilities for bike commuters! More information on Vanderbilt's biking facilities is available [here](#). The [2015 Tour de Nash](#), happening May 16, is Nashville's largest urban bike ride! More information on the Tour de Nash and registration found [here](#).

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