

Sustainability

HIGHLIGHTS 2025



MONTCLAIR EARNS STARS SILVER RATING

The Office of Sustainability submitted Montclair's first STARS report in August 2025 earning a silver rating. We hosted the 2nd Annual Sustainability Breakfast to update stakeholders on the process and how each area scored.



CAMPUS EARTH MONTH



The Office of Sustainability launched a new annual tradition - Campus Earth Month! A cross campus collaboration & coordination of events that allowed students to collect code words to earn prizes for sustainable behavior. The big event in the Student Center Quad on Earth Day was a hit!

The overall theme for Earth Month was "+1 for the planet" which encouraged students to think about how they could take one step towards or perform one act for sustainability. We can't solve all the world's problems, but we can each do one thing.

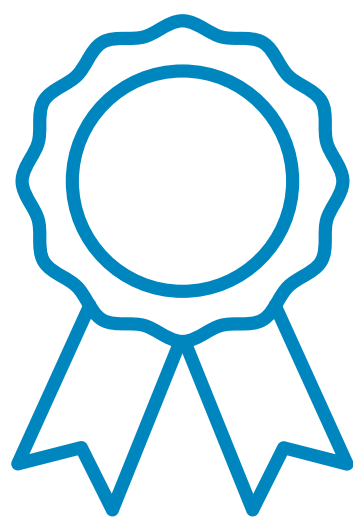


BE +1 FOR THE PLANET
@MONTCLAIR_SUSTAINABILITY



OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY STAFF & INTERNS POSING WITH ROCKY IN AT THE EARTH DAY 2025 EVENT IN THE STUDENT CENTER QUAD

**PRESIDENTIAL
EXCELLENCE IN
SUSTAINABILITY
INITIATIVES AWARD**



Adam McGuire,
Project Manager in
Capital Planning &
Project Managment
won this award.

Honorable mentions went to
Brittney Portes, Community Garden
Manager and Samuel Thorburn,
Manager of Fleet Services.

**PERCENTAGE OF CLEANING
PRODUCT PURCHASES THAT
ARE CERTIFIED GREEN
CLEANING PRODUCTS**

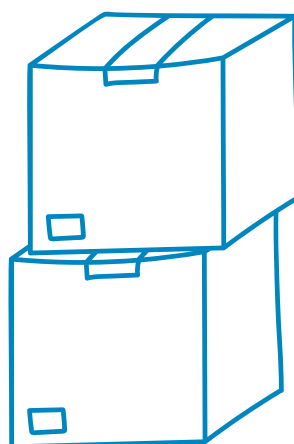


44%

MOVE-OUT DONATIONS

In May 2025, we partnered with
Goodwill to collect items from
residents during move-out. Items
included clothing, storage bins &
shelves, kitchenware, household
goods, and small electronics. In total,
we collected:

3,467 lbs



**CAMPUS COMMUNITY
GARDEN**



LBS OF FOOD
GROWN



LBS OF FOOD
DONATED TO
THE RED HAWK
PANTRY



WASTE
REDUCTION

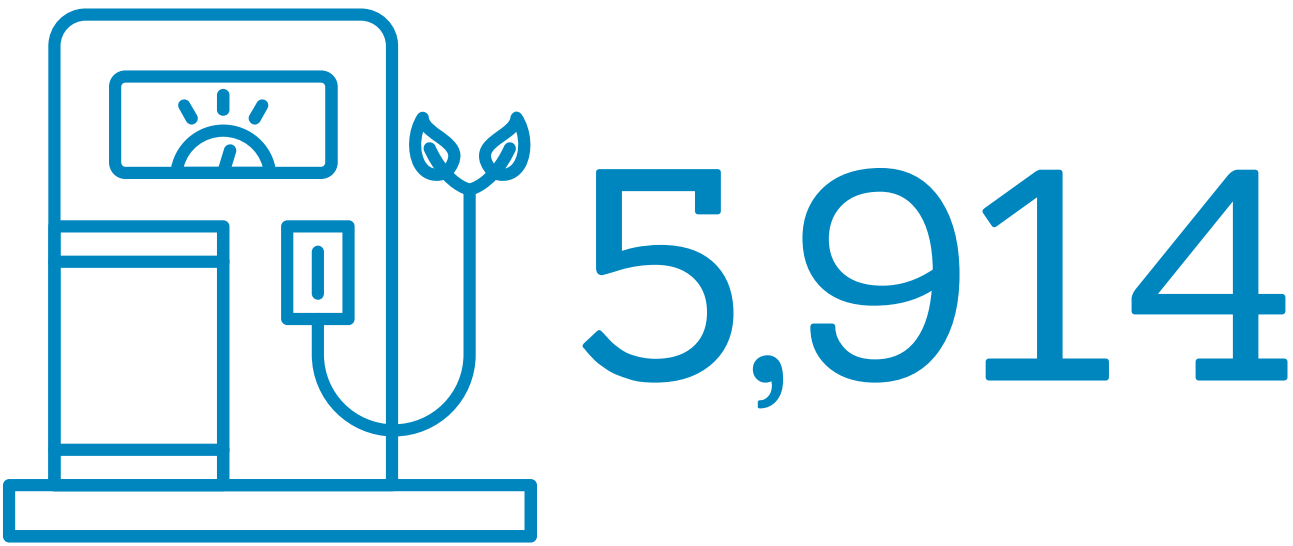
14%

From our 2019 baseline.

**FILL IT FORWARD'S BORROW
PROGRAM COMES TO DINING**

Freeman Dining Hall launched the
Borrow program to encourage diners
to opt-in to reusable take-out
containers instead of disposables.
This is linked to the existing program
which encourages users to carry a
reusable water bottle.

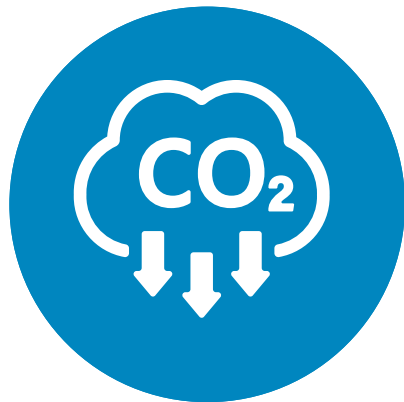
GALLONS OF COOKING OIL
CONVERTED TO BIOFUEL



83%

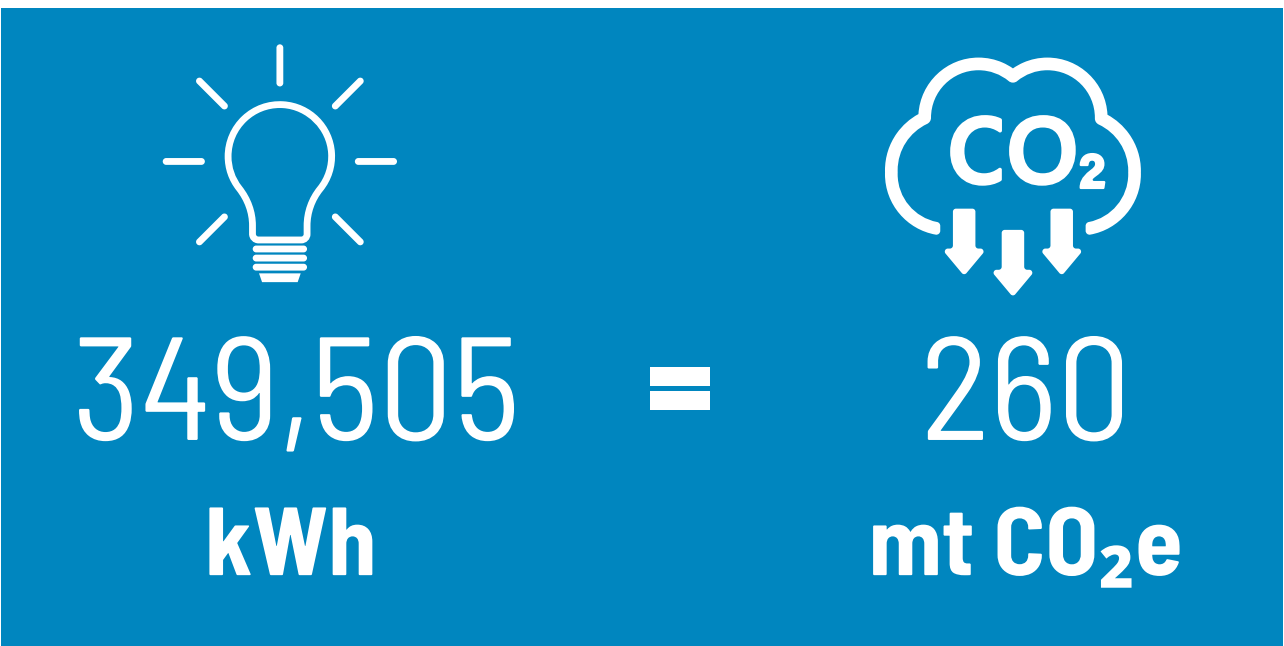


OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS
ARE ENGAGED IN
SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH



CARBON
REDUCTION

Equipment upgrades completed
by University Facilities yielded
significant annual savings:



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Assistant Director, Adeline Cochran,
celebrated her 25th year at Montclair
at Red Hawk Recognition Day.



MEET THE STAFF



Benjamin Kalscheur
Director of Sustainability



Adeline Cochran
Assistant Director of
Sustainability



Brittney Portes
Community Garden
Manager

OUR INTERNS AT THE STARS
BREAKFAST EVENT

