

## Public Transportation

### Reduced Fare on Buses, Train, and Rail in DFW

As a student, you qualify for Reduced Fare (RF) prices (50-75% off)! Get a RF card made by simply taking your UNTHSC student ID to the information kiosk at the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) at 1001 Jones Street. The cost is \$2 to get the card made.

### Get a Yearly Pass—The E-pass

UNTHSC offers annual discounted bus/train passes (the E-pass) with savings-80% off the monthly price for a year! E-passes are valid from January 1st through December 31st each year, and the Office of Sustainability sells them in November each year.

## FW Bike Share

Fort Worth Bike Share is a city-wide network of bike stations that provide affordable and eco-friendly transportation around the city. There are over 30 stations around Fort Worth.

### How Does it Work?

**Step 1:** Purchase a membership (day, week, month, or year).

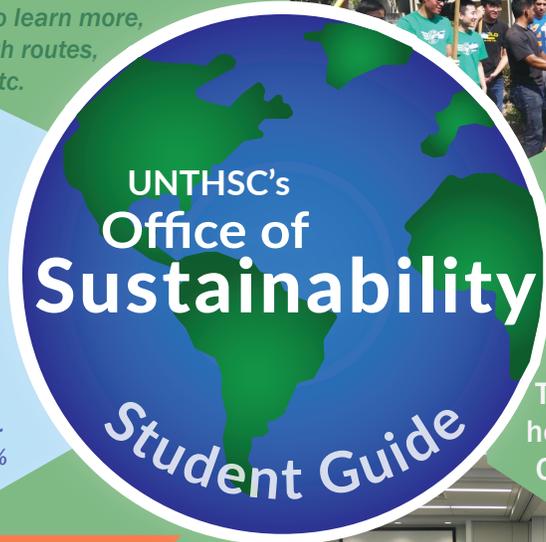
**Step 2:** Check-out a bike at a station.

**Step 3:** Ride the bike to your destination.

**Step 4:** Return the bike to any station.

The UNTHSC station is located near the Center for Bio-Health Building (CBH). Students receive a 50% discount off the annual membership. Contact us to learn more!

Contact us to learn more, help with routes, etc.



## UNTHSC Community Garden

The UNTHSC Community Garden, located on the north side of campus, was established in 2014 and is gardened by UNTHSC students and employees as well as community members. It is completely organic, and we donate 25% of the yield to a local food bank. We have 35 (12'x4') plots, a couple rain barrels and picnic tables, and compost bins. If you'd like to volunteer for occasional work days or if you'd like to garden a plot, [contact us!](#)



## Sustainability Pledge/ Water Stations

There are over 20 quick fill water stations on campus. They minimize plastic water use and promote healthy, sustainable practices. As of June 2016, users have filled water bottles over 1 million times on campus! Get a **FREE water bottle** by taking the Sustainability Pledge! The pledge encourages UNTHSC to adopt healthier and more sustainable practices. Over 2000 people have taken the pledge!

To take it, go to [sustainability.unthsc.edu](http://sustainability.unthsc.edu) then click on the Sustainability Pledge button.

## Recycling

### Co-Mingle Recycling:

All general recyclable items can be collected in the co-mingle recycling bins or mini-blue bins on campus. Items accepted include plastics, food containers (if rinsed), paper and paperboard, glass, cans, and cardboard. Please rinse items that contained food and drinks! Food contaminates recycling!

### Recycling 2.0:

An expansion to our general recycling. We accept ink cartridges, cell phones and batteries. They can be placed in the Recycling 2.0 receptacles in MET and LIB by the cafés.



## Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, the Office of Sustainability hosts events and volunteer opportunities such as:

- Earth Day Event
- Cowtown Cleanup (city-wide litter cleanup event)
- Garden tours and classes
- And more!

If you'd like to be involved or volunteer, send us an email indicating your interests! If you want to go deeper and plan new initiatives, ask us about serving on the Sustainability Committee.



## CONTACT:

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# Why is Sustainability Important to UNTHSC?

Our university's mission is to create solutions for a healthier community, and through sustainability, we are fulfilling that mission. Sustainability is important for reasons including:



## Ensuring Healthier Communities

The quality of our environment affects public health, and many health issues are directly related to air and water quality.



## Sustainability Makes Cents!

By operating more efficiently, our campus can save money. Since 2000, we have saved almost 6 million dollars through energy efficient projects.



## Growth

As we grow, we require more resources such as energy, water, and space. Sustainable growth benefits our campus now and in the future.



## What Else Are We Doing?

In addition to what's highlighted on the front of this sheet, UNTHSC's Facilities Management Department is doing a lot to be more sustainable! For example:

### Energy Efficiency

Efficiently managing our campus's energy is one of the most effective ways our campus incorporates sustainability in to our operations. Since 1999, UNTHSC has been aggressively improving our energy performance and to date has saved the university over \$6 million as a result. This saves us money and reduces our environmental impact!



### New Programs and Initiatives

We are continually looking for ways to expand our sustainable efforts. We're currently piloting a new incentive program encouraging labs to be more sustainable through efficiency, conservation, safety and collaboration called Lab Efficiency Action Program or LEAP. We're also working on getting electric vehicle charging stations on campus.

### Water Conservation

Water is a valuable resource here in Texas, and UNTHSC is taking a proactive approach to efficiently use water on campus. We use low-flow fixtures on campus, utilize drip irrigation, and reuse the condensate from the HVAC mechanical system in the CBH Building.

### Green Building

Green building design and construction ensures lower operating costs, reduced landfill waste, resource conservation and a healthier and safer building. The university is committing to build all new buildings with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The MET Building is LEED Gold, and the new Interdisciplinary Research Building will be LEED certified as well.



## Get Involved!



**Sustainability Committee:** The Sustainability Committee was established in the fall of 2012, and is comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Its primary purposes include:

- Advance sustainable practices on campus through education, events and activities, outreach, and operations in partnership with the Office of Sustainability.
- Vote on campus initiatives that use funds from the Environmental Service Fee.

**Sustainability Liaison Program:** Do you care about UNTHSC's environmental impact? Want to let other students know what sustainable practices are happening around campus? The Office of Sustainability is looking for students to serve as Sustainability Liaisons to their peer groups and fellow students.

**Facebook:** LIKE the Office of Sustainability page at [facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC](https://facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC)

**Website:** [sustainability.unthsc.edu](http://sustainability.unthsc.edu)

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