

Sustainability Websites

Thousands of websites claim to have free, inspiring, sustainability curricula, but few deliver. The following website list was created in an effort to ease the workload of those instructors who want to incorporate sustainability within their courses. These sites have been reviewed to ensure they offer responsible articles, activities, projects, databases and other curricula that can be easily incorporated into courses. Emphasis is placed on basic skills levels, and local resources are prioritized over those at a distance. The curriculum on most sites is free to use via creative commons, public domain, private or government grants. However, please be sure to double-check that anything you reproduce for your courses is done so within copyright limits.

Al Gore

algore.com/

Provides free downloadable curriculum relating to *An Inconvenient Truth* for multiple levels, as well as other links.

Alliance to Save Energy

ase.org

Articles, news items, and links on Energy conservation and alternate sources.

American Public Media

sustainability.publicradio.org

Audio and text of Public Radio shows that address sustainability. Database includes articles, updates and audio shows available to be played or shown in the classroom.

A.S. Recycle

aschico.com/recycle

Mainly descriptive of on-campus organization.

Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

aashe.org/

Resources for the development and support of a sustainable campus directed towards staff and administration.

Butte College Green Careers

butte.edu/services/career_services/greencareers.html

Listing of relating sites.

Butte College's Commitment: Talloires Declaration

ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html

Presents original international agreement along with some supporting documents, examples of implementation at various institutions, and links to said institutions.

Butte Environmental Council

becnet.org

Covers local water, air and land quality controversies. Best local recycling guide available.

California Fuel Cell Partnership

cafcp.org/outreach/teachers

Provides free lesson plans and educational materials about hydrogen energy and fuel cells, mainly geared for K-12.

Chico News and Review: Greenways

newsreview.com/chico/home

Sustainability themed articles in a searchable archive, from local to international.

Climate Interactive

climateinteractive.org

For science teachers, offers free, interactive, online climate simulators, as well as a teacher's blog and helpful info for facilitators.

Conservation International

conservation.org

Virtual tours, teaching resources and in-depth green jobs guide.

Commonweal

commonweal.org

Nonprofit focused on human health and environmental issues, with articles, info and links.

The Daily Green

thedailygreen.com

News and info on implementing "green living" in everyday life, including energy conservation, global warming, and organic food.

Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy

dsireusa.org/

Easily searched with summaries, categorizations, and links.

Earth Day

earthday.net/

Educators network provides many lesson plans free to use on multiple environmental and ecology subjects.

Earthteam

earthteam.net

Aimed at service learning for teens, with information, project guidelines for community involvement, news items and links.

Edible Shasta-Butte

ediblecommunities.com/shastabutte/

Organic/slow/local-foods movement advocates, many articles free for educational purposes.

The El Paso Collaborative Health Literacy Curriculum

healthliteracy.worlded.org/docs/elpaso/hazards.htm

Lesson plan and accompanying activities on household chemical hazards.

Environmental Defense Fund

edf.org/home.cfm

Videos and publications which can be freely used if the user gives credit.

The Environmentalist

the-environmentalist.org

A large archive of articles, focused on climate issues, available for free use under creative commons, ranging from 9- 12 to university level.

Facing the Future

facingthefuture.org

Free curriculum and instructor resources appropriate for reading, math, science, agriculture, health, economics courses and more.

Farm to School

farmtoschool.org

Program to encourage locally grow, organic, "slow food" in school meals. Provides studies, articles, and curricular resources for younger or basic skills students.

Food Inc.

<http://www.foodincmovie.com/spread-the-word.php>

Discussion Guide for the Documentary *Food Inc*, free to use and distribute, aimed at 6-college.

The Future of Food

snagfilms.com/films/title/the_future_of_food/

Documentary exploring unlabeled GMO foods.

Global Footprint Network

footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN

Well-laid-out with lots of info and resources--downloadable articles, news clips

and interview videos--ranging from basic skills to advanced levels. Useful in particular for math courses.

Green America

greenamericatoday.org

Info and some articles on a range of sustainability topics. Some content may require membership.

Green Schools Initiative

greenschools.net/

A directory of sites that offer free curricula for K-12 and beyond.

GreenSource

greensource.construction.com

Homepage for print journal focused on sustainability in building construction and design, with news items and articles that may be used with proper citation.

International Society for Ecology and Culture

isec.org.uk

Fascinating and sophisticated resources focusing on biological and cultural diversity.

Kilowatt Ours

kilowattours.org

Site for documentary on energy conservation, with some info and free curriculum for younger students.

Larry Beans

larrysbeans.com/sustainability-school

Basic skills links, resources and curriculum.

Learning for Sustainability

learningforsustainability.net

Information and resources for free usage, as well as a large collection of links.

Mother Earth

motherearthnews.com/

The classic sustainable living magazine is useable on a small scale if cited.

National Environmental Education Week

eeweek.org

In support of the national program, provides info, curriculum, and links on a variety of environmental topics, mainly for grades K-12, but adaptable for basic skills.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

nrel.gov/

Explorations into renewable, "alternative" energy and the science behind it.

National Resources Defense Council

nrdc.org

Nonprofit in support of environmental preservation, sustainability and other ecological issues. Provides a variety of articles, news items, and other info on a wide range of topics.

Patagonia

patagonia.com

The "Environmentalism" section is a database of wildlife and nature stories designed to engage, inspire, rant and remediate. Most articles are free to use and suitable for various college courses.

PBS Campus Sustainability Report Card

pbs.org/now/shows/313/endowment-policies.html

Sustainability efforts on campuses nationwide.

Redefining Progress

rprogress.org/

Provides lesson plans, quizzes and other educational materials free to educators, ranging from elementary to university. Focus is on environmental footprints.

The Seed Hunter

seedhunter.com

Documentary exploring why and how we need to diversify agriculture.

Sierra Nevada

sierranevada.com/

Describes in detail innovative sustainability methods in use at the facility, with links to relevant sites.

Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center

coep.pharmacy.arizona.edu/index.html

Provides a range of educational materials on health, environment and sustainability.

Stanford University Microdocs

stanford.edu/group/microdocs

With a focus on coral reef ecology and preservation, provides video "micro-documentaries" and accompanying educational materials. Free for use by teachers. Aimed at grades 9 - 12.

The Story of Stuff

storyofstuff.com

Along with the short film, provides several other resources for learning. Useful for all levels. Free for noncommercial use as long as the material is not altered. (Creative Commons usage)

Sustainability - Open Access Journal

mdpi.com/journal/sustainability

Database of scholarly articles on a range of sustainability and environmental issues. All material is open to free use as long as proper citation is used.

Sustainability Institute

sustainer.org

Non-profit, academic institution dedicated to understanding the natural, social and economic worlds as interconnected systems. Complex, inspiring, free articles.

Sustainability.org

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General information on varied aspects of sustainability, however site is largely under construction. Fair use for non-commercial purposes is allowed.

Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy

ejournal.nbii.org/

Free to use (creative commons) scholarly and politically astute works.

Sustainweb

sustainweb.org/sustainablefood

Sustainable food principles with downloadable documents.

TreeHugger

treehugger.com

News site with articles ranging across a wide spectrum of sustainability and environmental topics.

United Nations Sustainable Development

uncsd2012.org

Geopolitical focus.

Urban Environment Management

gdrc.org/uem/sustran/sustran.html

Transportation alternatives and sustainable urban development.

US Department of Energy (DOE)

eere.energy.gov/

Moderately scientific/technical. Materials and links for educators, as well as some for kids. Subject to Government copyright.

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

epa.gov/teachers

Tons of free and fun sustainability curriculum appropriate for K-12 and beyond, as well as resources for students.

US Green Building Council

usgbc.org

Resources for LEED builders.

World Wildlife Fund

worldwildlife.org

Extensive downloadable environmental databases suitable for creating math and science-based curriculum; numerous articles and videos.