How Does Stony Brook University’s Garden Grow....

Located on the periphery of South P Lot, surrounded by blacktop and automobiles, is a small patch of paradise. It’s here that you’ll find an organic garden, lovingly tended to by student volunteers.

The garden has been around for a while, though exactly how long is something of a mystery - ask around, and you’ll hear anywhere from 3 years to 10 years. Currently, the care and tending of the garden is the responsibility of the Environmental Club. It’s purpose is three-fold: a place to teach, a place to learn and a place to develop a sense of community. Currently, the crops are shared amongst the volunteers.

Ryan Barnhardt, the Environmental Club gardener in charge of teaching and tending says, “It has been a great experience so far. We’ve had students from the club and from classes work in the garden. My favorite is when people from the community drive or walk by, stopping to share their own gardening experiences. It’s been a great opportunity to build a little bit more community in the University.”

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the organic garden, please contact Ryan for more information at rtbarnhart@gmail.com

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of another exciting academic year! As we begin the semester, we’d like to remind you that Stony Brook University is committed to responsible Environmental Stewardship. If you see a condition that is wasting valuable resources, such as a leaky faucet or a drafty door, please be sure to notify us so that we can rectify the situation.

Who to contact:

Faculty and Staff can visit the FixIt website at:

http://www.stonybrook.edu/fixit/

Students in residence halls can visit the Campus Residences Work Request website at:

http://www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/workrequest/wlmain.asp

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9, 2009
Chemicals and The Home - Inside and Out
Port Jefferson Village Library

November 7, 2009
Second Annual Information Fair - The Green Home
Stony Brook University is Recycling Used Ceiling Tiles!

It’s always a challenge to walk the line between the necessary rehabilitation of buildings and dedication to environmental stewardship by minimizing the amount of solid waste produced.

Armstrong, the company that produces ceiling tiles, has launched a program to help large facilities like ours maintain their “green” vision during the rehabilitation and remodeling process. The Armstrong Ceiling Recycling Program enables facilities to remove, stack and ship old ceiling tiles to an Armstrong recycling and re-manufacturing plants located around the country.

Stony Brook began participating in this program in 2008, beginning with buildings such as Life Sciences and Engineering. To date, we have diverted 21,686 square feet of ceiling tiles for recycling. This equates to approximately 15,180 pounds, or 7.59 tons, of solid waste kept out of the waste stream and therefore, out of our landfills. There are numerous benefits to recycling our old ceiling tiles. Not only do we save money by not having to pay for the disposal of the tiles, there are countless environmental benefits, as well: the tiles are kept out of the landfills, natural resources are preserved, and we are able to reduce the University’s carbon footprint as well as Armstrong’s carbon footprint.

Energy Tips  Fix the drip!

A leaking faucet dripping once per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year! They can also add to your hot water bill, so repair them as soon as possible. The constant drip wastes water, energy and money.

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IT ALL ADDS UP!

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

The average college student produces 640 pounds of solid waste each year, including 500 disposable cups and 320 pounds of paper. Reduce your carbon footprint by recycling your paper, aluminum, glass and plastic!

THE STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Join us on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Hendrix Lounge

Check out our Facebook page, Stony Brook Environmental Club, for updated information and events!