



SUSTAINABILITY ROUNDUP

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SSC CAMPUS CLEAN-UP AND TREE WALK

Would you like to learn about trees and help keep SSC beautiful? Students and staff are welcome to participate on Wednesday October 21st for a Campus Clean-Up and Tree Walk from 2-3 p.m. Service learning credits will be available (app.mobileserve.com) for those that participate in the clean-up! The Tree Walk will be led by Eric Myers, Ph.D. in Forestry. Participate in one or both activities – the clean-up team will meet first in the Visitors Parking Lot (northeast side of the building) at 2 p.m. Gloves and equipment will be provided by SSC, simply show up and dress for the weather!

SSC GREEN CLUB

Are you interested in the environment and sustainability? Then join the Green Club! Please contact StudentLife@ssc.edu, ext. 5737 (Room 2329) if you are interested in joining.



FALL NOTES



Have you noticed the beautiful fall colors of the SSC campus? Some of the bright red trees may be red maple (*Acer rubrum*). You can identify a red maple by looking to see if it has three points and saw like leaf edges.

Fall Cleanup

If you enjoy fireflies (lightning bugs) and butterflies you should definitely be keeping leaves in your yard over the winter. Keeping leaves in your yard will benefit birds that come to your yard looking for insects that live in leaves to feed their babies in the spring. There has been a decrease of billions of birds over the years, so anything you can do to help birds is a real benefit. The more people that allow their yards to be homes for living things the better the world will be.

The best thing to do with your leaves is to mulch them with a mower. If you do have to rake because there are too many leaves, the best thing to do is put them around a tree or in flower bed as a mulch. As the leaves break down over the year they will provide nutrients to the trees and shrubs. If you're worried the leaves will blow away you can water them. If you don't have trees to mulch or

have too many leaves, and you want to be sustainable you can put them in a compost bin. So, get outside on a nice fall day and appreciate nature as you mow or mulch your leaves and enjoy the changing seasons, it's part of being sustainable.

The SSC Arbor Day Committee is currently looking for student involvement on the committee. If you are looking at a career in or are interested in trees, forestry or urban planning, please contact Eric Myers at EMyers@ssc.edu

