



October 2026						
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Campus Sustainability Month Calendar – September 2026

Join us all month for a series of campus sustainability-focused events hosted by the Center for Energy and Sustainability and partners across campus!

JEWL Seed Library Fall Open House

Thursday, October 1, 11am-2pm
Walker Library

Join us for the MTSU Seed Library Open House, a celebration of gardening, sustainability, and community connection. Check out a variety of fruit, vegetable, flower, and herb seeds, enjoy a tea workshop, and chat with Rutherford County Master Gardeners about planting tips and seasonal growing. The Center for Energy and Sustainability will also be on hand to share resources and answer questions about sustainable practices and Campus Sustainability Month activities. This drop-in event is a great opportunity to pick up seeds, take home a free seed starter kit, enter to win prizes, learn something new, and connect with others who love to grow

From Plate to Planet

Friday, October 2, 11am-2pm
Student Union Commons

Discover how food waste can be transformed into a valuable resource. Representatives from the Center, MT Dining, the Fermentation Science Program, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and MTSU Plant and Soil Science Club will be on hand to share information about composting, sustainable food systems, food recovery, and food waste reduction. The campus community is invited to stop by to connect with experts, ask questions, and learn how small actions can make a big impact on sustainability.

Happy Trees Sip and Paint

Thursday, October 8, 12pm-1:30pm
Walnut Grove (Peck Hall Patio if raining).

Students are invited to join us for this event, which is located within MTSU's beautiful Level II Arboretum. This Bob Ross-inspired event combines art, nature, and fun as participants are guided by MTSU art students in creating their own painting of a campus landscape, making it perfect for both beginners and experienced artists. Students can enjoy a dirty soda bar while they paint, then strike a pose with Bob Ross-inspired props and celebrate their finished masterpiece with a fun photo. Participation is free, but [advance registration is required](#) due to limited space.

MTSU Clothing Swap

Monday, October 19, 4:30pm-8:00pm
Keathley University Center 324

Refresh your wardrobe sustainably at our Clothing Swap! Bring gently used clothing you no longer wear and exchange it for new-to-you finds while helping reduce textile waste and keeping usable items out of the landfill.

Down the Duck Documentary Screening

Tuesday, October 20, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center 221

Join us for an evening of film, science, and conversation centered on our region's waterways. The event will begin with a reception featuring free pizza, refreshments, and opportunities to connect with community partners and campus departments. Attendees will then watch *Down the Duck with John Guider* and participate in a discussion about river conservation and the importance of protecting our water resources. The event is open to students, faculty, staff, and community members, and attendees will have the chance to win Department of Geosciences swag. Sponsored by MTSU Engage, the Center for Energy and Sustainability, and the MTSU Department of Geosciences.

Plant a Bigger Tree for TN

Monday, October 26, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Tennessee Livestock Center at MTSU

The campus and local community can purchase trees through Green Interchange's 2026 Plant a Bigger Tree for Tennessee program. Choose from a variety of landscape-ready trees, with pickup taking place at the Tennessee Livestock Center at MTSU. To learn more and reserve a tree, [visit their website](#). We are also seeking volunteers to help distribute trees during the pickup event. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Hargis at kristen.hargis@mtsu.edu.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Outdoor Murfreesboro
Saturday, October 10, various times throughout the day
Wilderness Station in Barfield Park

Our partners at Outdoor Murfreesboro are also looking for volunteers for their upcoming Nature Day (formerly know as Conservation in Action Expo) and the would love to have MTSU students help out with the event. You can view available shifts on their [website](#). Questions about this opportunity can be directed to Caitlin May at cmay@murfreesboroethn.gov or 615-663-7044.

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