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## Purdue puts emphasis on green this week

### the NEWS

Purdue University's Green Week 2009 begins Monday with events to boost environmental awareness and to note sustainability efforts on campus.

The week is intended to educate those interested in doing more to help the environment. Each day in the coming week will focus on various themes, including water, transportation and environmental stewardship.

Robin Ridgway, Purdue's director of sustainability and environmental stewardship, said the week is important because Purdue operates like a small city.

"The showcase features the best ways we create heat and electricity, eat, clean, use water, transport people, clean facilities and reuse waste," Ridgway said.

### IMPACT

According to Gary Evans, Purdue's grounds director, Purdue reduced its landfill total by 500 tons last academic year.

Additionally, Purdue's Housing and Food Services' 20 tons of waste per month now goes to West Lafayette wastewater treatment plant to help power the plant. The food waste used to go to a landfill.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

There will be special events each day.

- Monday will include the announcement of an updated recycling plan on campus. The details will be available at 10 a.m. in Room 218 in Stewart Center.
- Tuesday will be the unveiling of Schleman Hall's "green roof." The plant-covered roof is designed to reduce stormwater runoff, improve energy efficiency and extend the life of the roof. Tours will be available from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday's focus is on energy. Tours will be available of the Wade Utility Plant, Purdue's combined heat and power facility. The tours of the plant on South River Road will be available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. To sign up for a tour, go to [www.purdue.edu/sustainability/pages/green\\_week.html](http://www.purdue.edu/sustainability/pages/green_week.html)
- Thursday will feature an alternative transportation expo, with a fuel-efficient car show and free bike tune-ups. The expo will be from noon to 4 p.m. in the Stewart Center and on the Academic Mall.
- Friday will feature a community effort to clean up a one-mile stretch of the Wabash River from 4 to 7 p.m. To get involved, send an e-mail to Jim Knapp at [jrknapp@purdue.edu](mailto:jrknapp@purdue.edu)

### FOR MORE

For a complete schedule of events, go to [www.purdue.edu/sustainability](http://www.purdue.edu/sustainability)

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