

Central Washington University’s Commitments to Addressing Climate Change:

45% greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2030 and 70% greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2040 (compared to 2005 levels); zero-carbon emissions no later than 2050.

Focus Area	Objective	Strategy
Energy Efficiency & Conservation	Achieve an energy use intensity (EUI) target of 102 and below for campus buildings overall by 2028.	Implement energy efficiency and conservation measures for all CWU buildings, resulting in significant EUI reductions and energy cost savings.
Building Infrastructure	Reduce campus-wide natural gas consumption by an average of 5-7% per year between 2024 and 2030.	Finalize a 15-year Decarbonization Plan no later than July 2025. The Plan will outline energy solution pathways to decarbonize CWU’s heating and cooling infrastructure.
Transportation	Electrify all CWU campus fleet vehicles by 2040 and install at least 30 electric vehicle charging stations on campus by 2030.	Develop and implement a CWU Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. Prioritize installation of EV charging stations at newly constructed buildings, facilities, and high-traffic areas on campus.
Purchased Electricity	Install over 4 megawatts of renewable, emission-free electricity on university-owned properties and spaces by 2030.	Develop and implement a campus-wide solar development plan, maximizing solar installations at parking lots, roofscapes, and underutilized properties.
Waste Diversion	Reduce and divert 25% of all waste generated on campus by 2030, compared to 2023 levels.	Develop and implement a CWU Waste Diversion Plan in partnership with CWU Facilities, Dining, and Surplus.
Transportation/Commuter Emissions	Reduce vehicle miles traveled to, from, and around campus by CWU employees and students by 20% by 2030, in comparison to 2024 levels.	Build and/or enhance alternative transportation infrastructure that supports significant reductions in miles driven in single-occupancy vehicles by CWU students and employees.

Biodiversity & Water Conservation	Promote and institute sustainable landscape management and water conservation practices. Restore terrestrial and aquatic landscapes to increase biodiversity on campus.	Increased collaboration among several CWU Departments to develop and begin implementing a Campus Restoration Plan and a Water Conservation Plan by 2026.
Sustainable Procurement	Create and implement a Sustainable Purchasing Plan in 2025.	CWU Contracts & Purchasing develops and adopts criteria, policies, and guidelines that support, 1) sustainable purchasing of commodities, 2) life cycle cost analysis for products and systems, and 3) product and services evaluation by summer 2025.
Education & Curriculum	Integrate sustainability and climate change education across the university curriculum, co-curricular activities, and the campus culture to provide students with the knowledge, skills, competencies, and values necessary to shape an equitable and sustainable future.	Train and incentivize faculty members to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. Develop a Sustainability Center to increase experiential and applied learning opportunities, leadership development opportunities, and sustainability programming on campus and in the community.
Climate Resilience	Implement a campus-wide Climate Resilience plan by 2030 in collaboration with the local community, which will minimize climate impacts and disruptions to the university and community.	Develop a CWU Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness Plan that will bolster the institution's ability to withstand climate impacts and natural disasters.
Sustainable Investments	Diversify CWU's financial portfolio with more sustainable investments and integrate Environmental, Social, and Governance factors into the university's investment strategy.	Increase collaboration between university stakeholders managing financial investments and facilitate ESG reporting.