CLIMATE ACTION

Since 2006, PCC has reduced its Scope 1 & 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 56% from 22,959 Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent ($MTCO_2e$) to 9,248 $MTCO_2e$.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

PCC has decreased its building energy use by over 60% per square foot since 2006. Strategic Energy Management and green building efforts led the college to save over $1.1 million in FY 2025 alone.

EVENTS

In 2025, PCC hosted over 500+ guests at the Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. PCC also annually organizes on-campus events such as Earth Week and Harvest Fest.

GREEN BUILDING

PCC's green buildings provide environmental benefits while providing cost savings; a win-win for the college. These employ clean energy technology, six solar arrays and advanced stormwater technology.

ECOSOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT

Students have provided over $1.2 million for sustainability projects through the EcoSocial Justice Grant.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

With PCC onsite solar, community solar and renewable energy purchases, PCC is replacing about half of its grid electricity with 100% solar and wind power.

RESILIENCY

At PCC, resiliency takes an intersectional approach to ecological health, wellness and belonging, supported by initiatives like the Basic Needs Sustainability and Leadership student program.

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ELECTRIFICATION

PCC is transitioning college vehicles to electric. In 2025, over 24% of the miles traveled by the college's fleet were in electric vehicles, with another 7% of miles traveled in hybrid vehicles.

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

PCC is Bee Campus and Tree Campus USA certified. Our grounds and the Rock Creek Environmental Studies Center are home to over 15,000 trees.

LEARNING GARDENS

PCC has learning gardens on each of its four main campuses, which provide food for the college's food pantries, hands-on learning and community engagement. PCC also supports a community garden at the Newberg Center.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

PCC supports inter-campus shuttles, access to frequent bus routes, bike rentals, bike repair and electric vehicle stations. PCC's riders can use an app to track the shuttle in real time.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

PCC has composted nearly 1.7 million lbs and recycled 10.7 million lbs since 2012. Specialty programs for items like batteries, electronics and film along with the new Free Food alert program help out.

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

PCC offers over 145 sustainability courses across 46 subjects, a sustainability focus award and technical degrees in areas such as Landscape Technology.

STARS RATING

In 2025, PCC earned a gold rating for sustainability from AASHE STARS, a rating system that tracks sustainability across PCC in areas such as curricular and co-curricular education, operations, and planning.