



# HOW TO:

## Plan a Succulent Planting with the Center for Sustainability

**1 Stop and Think:** What is the purpose of this event? Just to give people a succulent? Is there anything more that folks could get out of this? Anything they could learn about? Any activity they could do to accompany the succulent planting? We strive to bring a deep, authentic learning experience to all of our partnerships.

### Some Ideas could include:

- A workshop on ways to make your residence hall room more sustainable overall
- A fun adventure to repurpose thrift-store objects to use as planters
- A focused activity on putting your commitments to creating a just and sustainable world into art while decorating your planter
- Taking a group bike ride to the garden store to pick out your favorite plants together
- So many more! Your creativity is the key to making a meaningful and awesome event!

**2 Figure out when and Where:** The Center for Sustainability has a busy schedule managing and advancing our 25+ programs and projects. The sooner we can get your event on our calendar, the more likely it is that we can partner with you in a more meaningful way.

**3 Know Your Resources:** The Center for Sustainability unfortunately does not have any resources to add to your event aside from our passion, enthusiasm, and expertise. We are happy to let you know about sustainable options for making purchases, but are unable to help you pay for those purchases.

**4 Create Materials:** Once you have a good idea about what the take-home message is (it really should be more than just "take home a succulent"), the Center for Sustainability staff is more than happy to help you develop materials for your students to take home in order to take further action.

**5 Be fiercely Independent:** While the Center is excited to partner with you on events like Succulent Plantings, we are not here to be your personal event planners. Do your homework, know what you want the event to look like and how you want the Center for Sustainability to fit into that vision. We love to attend events and add some great content and interaction; we do not love planning your events on top of planning our own.

**Feel free to reach out** anytime with questions, inquiries, and ideas! This is a common activity that folks ask us to work with them on, but we are always open to new and unique versions of this event or any other creative, fun idea you might have to engage folks at DU! Email us at [sustainability@du.edu](mailto:sustainability@du.edu) or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

