



News release

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**Gateway to host EcoFest Racine,
a communitywide sustainable practices event
*Event returns to in-person format***

Gateway Technical College will host EcoFest Racine, an annual community event to share and celebrate sustainable practices, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19 in the Lake Building on the college's Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

"We're very excited to be back in person for EcoFest Racine this year," said Abbie Ford, Gateway manager, community relations and communications. "Gateway is committed to sustainability, and we're glad to provide this opportunity for our community members to learn about environmental efforts in our area as well as gain helpful tips for leading a greener lifestyle.

"We look forward to visitors of all ages joining us to learn how they can help keep our environment healthy."

The event, held in partnership with Greening Greater Racine, will focus on providing activities and ways community members can be gentle on the environment at work and home. It features informational displays, two one-hour informational presentations and children's activities. Admission is free and each family attending will receive a free gift while supplies last.

Some of the highlights include:

- **CSA: Your Local Food Connection.** Cheri Doetch of Beaver Creek Gardens CSA will discuss food safety, nutrient density and other advantages to supporting your local community through food.
- **Children's activities.** The event will feature free take-home activity kits for children, in addition to on-site hands-on activities, that can be completed at the event that educate on environmental topics.
- **Display booths.** Green vendors and display booths will give visitors the information to live more sustainably as well as information on practices being already done in Southeastern Wisconsin.
- **Electronics recycling.** Gateway's Information Technology program students have partnered with an area professional electronics business to accept electronic devices for recycling. That includes such as items as desk and laptop computers, monitors (2005 and newer), cell phones and personal electronics, to name a few. A link to find all accepted items can be found at www.gtc.edu/ecofest. All items are free. A drive-up drop off will be located on the east side of the campus in front of the Technical Building.

For a guide to all activities for the day, please go to www.gtc.edu/ecofest. For more information, please contact Abbie Ford, (262) 564-2536.

Gateway Technical College's mission is to deliver industry-focused education that is flexible, accessible and affordable for our diverse community. The college collaborates with communities in Kenosha County, Racine County and Walworth County to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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