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End of EcoBricks Collection Event



The EcoBrick initiative has officially come to a close, marking a successful chapter in the PH journey toward sustainability. Residents across all floors demonstrated remarkable dedication, scouring their rooms and local pantries to transform single-use plastics into clean, dry building materials. Following an intense final sprint, **PCT 7** secured the top spot on the leaderboard with an impressive **3.08 kg** of plastic collected. They are joined on the winner's podium by **PCT 1** and **PCT 2**, who contributed **2.48 kg** and **1.47 kg** respectively.



Through this collective effort, the PH family successfully diverted a significant volume of plastic waste from landfills, repurposing it into the foundation for future community furniture. By maintaining high standards for cleanliness and excluding contaminants like food waste and cardboard, the participants have ensured that the resulting benches, tables, or sculptures will be both sturdy and mold-free. This accomplishment stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a community aligns its energy toward a zero-waste future, proving that even snack wrappers can serve a greater purpose when handled with a "green thumb."



Plant Growing Competition Update!

The semester continues to grow greener as our plant growing competition passes its halfway mark! It's been heartening to see the progress of our dedicated PHfamily gardeners, with radishes sprouting larger leaves and looking healthier each week, reflecting the care and effort that participants have been putting into nurturing their plants.

We've also wrapped up our repotting session, where residents upgraded their plants from small bottles to larger pots, giving them more room to thrive. It was great to see everyone getting hands-on and nurturing their growing radishes.

As we continue to grow, keep up the great work! Remember to give your plants enough sunlight and water them regularly. We can't wait to see how they flourish! See you at the weighing and judging day at the end of the semester!



Gardening IG

Rooted in Care and Community



The Gardening IG continued nurturing our shared green space this month with the addition of a new avocado tree, bringing excitement for future harvests. The activity provided an opportunity for residents to relax and relieve stress by engaging in hands-on planting, fostering a connection with nature and each other. Residents also rolled up their sleeves for essential garden maintenance to keep the space thriving. Residents worked together to clear weeds, enrich the soil with compost and diatomaceous earth, and carefully check on the health of existing plants. These collective efforts not only support a more sustainable garden ecosystem but also cultivate a sense of responsibility and appreciation for greener living within our community.

IG HIGHLIGHTS

Vertical Farming IG

Cultivating the Future: Pineapple Tower Takes Root



The Vertical Farming IG has unveiled a pineapple tower hydroponic system at the PH Foyer, transforming germination seedlings from the germination cabinet into a vibrant new installation. Despite it being a first-time setup for many, residents came together with enthusiasm and teamwork to assemble and transplant the system. Beyond adding greenery, the tower offers hands-on opportunities to learn sustainable farming. As the system begins its growth journey, residents are encouraged to take part in caring for the plants and keeping the tower thriving!



uPHscycling IG

Turning Cups & Cans into Creative Crafts



uPHscycling IG brings sustainability to life in PH through creative, hands-on sessions that transform everyday waste into meaningful items.

In recent workshops, residents repurposed plastic cups and Pringles cans into decorative wind chimes and stylish stationery holders, giving simple materials a second life through creativity.



These sessions encourage residents to rethink waste and embrace sustainable living in fun, practical ways.



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