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Every Drop by Design: SLU's Continuing Journey in Water-Conscious Buildings (2022-2026)

At Saint Louis University, water-conscious building is an ongoing effort, not a one-time retrofit. It began with infrastructure: the Rain Water Storage at the Diego Silang Building became operational in June 2022, and the Main and Maryheights wastewater treatment systems were upgraded that year. From late 2023, the work widened. Sewage treatment plants were blessed at the Sacred Heart Medical Center (December 2023), the Navy Base Campus (May 2024), and the Maryheights Campus (January 2025). Free "Water is Life" refilling stations opened at the Diego Silang Building in November 2023, reached all four campuses by March 2024, and extended to SHMC in August 2024.







Today these efforts come together in a campus-wide set of building standards. SLU has embedded eight certified water-saving technologies in its facilities: low-flow showers, dual-flush toilets, sensor urinals, aerated faucets, waterless urinals, efficient washing machines, touchless refilling stations, and on-demand dispensers. Each is backed by manufacturer specifications, flow-rate certifications, and on-site performance data, and all fixtures meet the maximum flow rates of the Philippine Green Building Code. Together they save 15,681,550 liters a year, about six Olympic swimming pools. These systems are connected to SLU's accredited sewage treatment plants, and the effluent meets DENR Class C standards. The practice is anchored in SLU's Water Conservation Manual (2023).





The results have been recognized externally. SLU was named a certified green campus in the 2023 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings (658th worldwide, 4th among private HEIs, and 12th among HEIs in the Philippines). Its 2025 feature, "Championing Sustainability," shows water conservation remains central to its campus operations.

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