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Recycling Tips

Buy recycled to close the loop!

Recycling doesn't stop at the recycling bin. Make sure to close the loop on recycling by buying recycled products whenever possible. Everything from office supplies, to paper towels, and even clothing can be made from recycled materials. For more information, visit the US Environmental Protection Agency's website:

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/rrr/buyrecycled.htm>

Student Alumni Association Gift To Tech Funds Twelve Recycling Centers

This summer, there are twelve new recycling centers on campus. Thanks to a generous donation by Georgia Tech's Student Alumni Association (SAA), brand new recycling centers have been installed in five campus buildings. There are four at Howey Physics, four at the Instructional Center, one at the ISyE Annex, one at Groseclose, and two at the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center. These buildings were chosen because they are heavily used by students, although the recycling centers will benefit the entire campus community.



Each of the recycling centers has five interconnected bins. The bins have been configured so that there are two compartments for plastic bottles and containers, one for aluminum cans, one for mixed paper, and one for landfill trash. A signboard mounted to the back of the bins puts signage at eye level. The twelve recycling centers are easily identifiable and are marked "Sponsored by Student Alumni Association."

The new containers were purchased with funds from SAA's Gift To Tech. The OSWM&R was the recipient of SAA's first annual Gift To Tech. SAA members raised over \$20,000 and voted to donate the funds to the campus recycling program.



Game Day Recycling Program Preps for 5th Season

When football season kicks off this fall, fans at Georgia Tech’s home games will be greeted by the familiar sight of volunteers in bright green T-shirts encouraging them to recycle their bottles and cans. Blue recycling bags will be given out to tailgaters and there will be recycling bins set up in and around Bobby Dodd Stadium.

2012 marks the fifth season for Georgia Tech’s Game Day Recycling program. The program began in 2008, and each year it expands to reach more fans and divert additional materials from the landfill. This season the focus is on collecting the cardboard that is generated by vendors inside the stadium and cutting down on contamination by more effectively communicating with fans about what is/isn’t recyclable on game days.



The Game Day Recycling committee is meeting throughout the summer. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate. If you would like to get involved, please join us at one of the upcoming meetings.

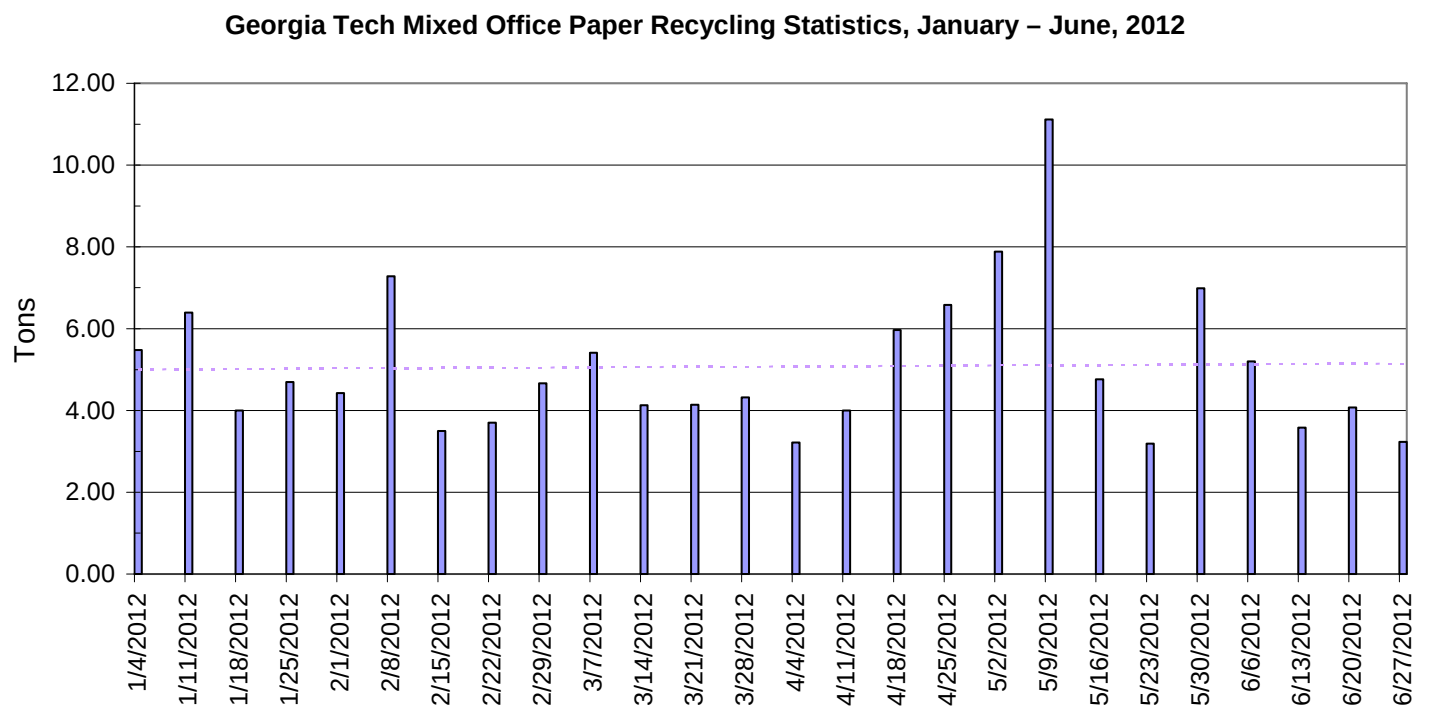
Game Day Recycling Committee summer meeting schedule:

Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

- **July 19th** in the Student Center Commons Cypress Room
 - **August 2nd** in the Student Center Commons Spring Room
 - **August 16th** at the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, 947 Atlantic Drive
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Georgia Tech Waste Diversion Statistics

The chart below shows Georgia Tech’s mixed office paper recycling statistics for January – June, 2012. Mixed office paper is collected on Wednesdays. The large spike in May was due to student move-out at the end of spring semester. Overall, Georgia Tech averages 5.1 tons of office paper recycling per week.



Meet the Team

“Meet the Team” is a monthly feature that gives you an opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the staff of the OSWM&R and learn a little more about who we are and what we do.

R’tis Johnson, Campus Recycling Specialist I

This month we would like to introduce R’tis Johnson, Campus Recycling Specialist I. R’tis joined the OSWM&R in January, and has been at Georgia Tech for six months.



➤ *What does a typical workday entail?*

Most days consist of completing one or more of the 20 recycling routes that we have on campus. For example, there is paper on Wednesdays and glass on Tuesdays. I also complete work orders, which are special requests not on any of the routes.

➤ *What is the best part of your job?*

Being with the crew. I work with a great group of people.

➤ *What has been the most challenging thing so far?*

Picking up the mixed office paper recycling during spring semester student move out!

➤ *What has been the most memorable thing so far?*

The monthly birthday lunches that we have in the OSWM&R. Each month we pick a day to recognize everyone in the office who has a birthday that month and do something to make them feel special. We pick a theme and everyone brings a dish to share.

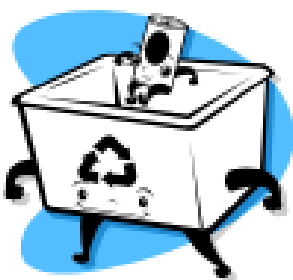
➤ *What is your favorite food?*

Thin crust pizza with sausage.

➤ *Who do you admire the most, and what are two words which describe that person?*

My mother. She is optimistic and energetic.

ASK ENVIRO-MAN



Question: I would like to eat more locally grown produce. How can I find out if there are any farmers' markets close to where I live?

Answer: Local Harvest (www.localharvest.org) is a great resource. You can search for farms and farmers' markets in your area, as well as restaurants and grocery stores that sell locally grown meats, produce, and dairy products. You can search by location or by product type. According to the Local Harvest website, there are 19 farmers'

markets and 16 farms in the metro Atlanta area. One of them, FreshRoots Farm (www.freshrootsfarm.com), is less than a mile from the northwest corner of campus! Visitors and volunteers are welcome. You can contact FreshRoots Farm directly at (404) 731-1557 or email mark@freshrootsfarm.com for more information.

To ask Enviro-Man a question, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable](#)

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall
634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, July 13, 2012 (7:30 – 9:00 am)

Cost: \$10 - \$20, includes continental breakfast and beverage

Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable is a monthly discussion forum. The topic for July is "The Transportation Referendum and Transit." Join Southface for a conversation with Dr. Beverly Scott (General Manager/CEO, MARTA), Bill Floyd (Mayor, City of Decatur), and Doug Hooker (Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission) to discuss the metro Atlanta transportation referendum and its impacts on transit.

[Keep Atlanta Beautiful – Community Recycling Center](#)

320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

Saturday, July 14, 2012 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

2nd Saturday of each month

Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Creative Recycling Solutions host a monthly recycling drive for household electronic waste, polystyrene foam, latex paint, and paper. Free, secure paper shredding is now available courtesy of Iron Mountain. Personal computers, monitors, stereos, microwaves, vacuums, telephones, keyboards, mice, printers, and scanners are accepted free of charge. There is a \$10 fee for televisions, cash only. For a complete list of accepted items, go to <http://www.keepatlantabeautiful.org/programs/Recycling.asp>.

[Atlanta Summer Arts Festival](#)

Greenbriar Mall
2841 Greenbriar Parkway SW, Atlanta, GA

Thursday-Sunday, July 19-22, 2012

The Redfern Collective in conjunction with Greenbriar Mall, host this festival of arts for the entire community. For four days Vendors and Visual Artists take over the main hall of the mall while performing artists wow the crowd from the main-stage. Food, Art, Literature, Music, Fashion and more...a little something for everyone to enjoy!

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program, please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this [newsletter](#). We are here to help, and together, we can work to benefit the environment.

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