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Recycling Tips

Happy New Year from the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling. This year, consider adding a green resolution to your list of New Year's Resolutions. To make it easier, Earth911 has suggestions for *10 Waste-Free New Year's Resolutions*, such as cutting back on food waste, repurposing something you would normally throw away, or learning more about hard to recycle items. You can read the full list on the [Earth911 website](#).

Help Plan Georgia Tech's 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Georgia Tech's annual Earth Day Celebration is one of the most highly anticipated campus events during spring semester. The event is free, open to the public, and features more than 70 exhibitors, eco-friendly giveaways, recycling opportunities, a clothing swap, an office supply exchange, live music, a green market, free organic popcorn and more. With an annual participation of more than 3,000 people, this is one of the largest Earth Day celebrations in the southeast.



Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff are invited to join the Earth Day Planning Committee. Members are expected to attend weekly meetings during the spring semester (on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) and actively participate in the planning of the 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration, which will be held on campus on April 19, 2013.

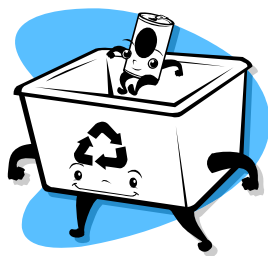
If you are interested in joining the Earth Day Planning Committee, please join us on Tuesday, January 15th from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Student Commons Crescent Room or January 22nd from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Student Center room 301. For more information contact Cindy Jackson at cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu or visit the GT Earth Day website: www.earthday.gatech.edu/committee.



Don't miss Georgia Tech's 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 19, 2013 (10am - 3pm) on Tech Walk.

ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: Can I put magazines in the mixed office paper recycling bins?



Answer: Yes, you can! The campus paper recycling program is truly a mixed paper program. You can recycle office paper (all colors), magazines, newspapers, junk mail, file folders, catalogs, brochures, books, sticky notes, and paperboard (such as cereal boxes). Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed. A good rule of thumb is: if you can tear it, you can recycle it. However, there are a few exceptions. Please do *not* put corrugated cardboard, facial tissues, napkins, or food contaminated paper in the mixed office paper recycling bins.

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

Volunteers Needed for the 2013 NCAA Men’s Final Four Tournament in Atlanta

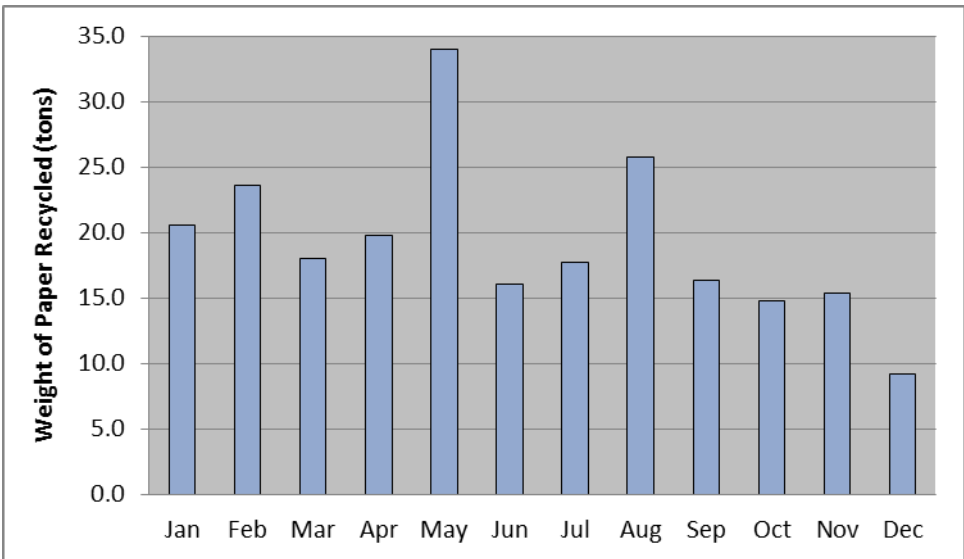
2013 marks the 75th celebration of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship. This year’s Championship will be held in Atlanta and Georgia Tech is the host school. Nearly 2,000 volunteers are needed during the Final Four and at ancillary and community events. One unique volunteer opportunity is a [tree planting](#). On March 23rd, 75 trees will be planted to commemorate the Final Four Tournament’s 75th year (55 trees will be planted in the Ashview heights neighborhood of Atlanta, and 10 each at Jones Elementary School and Bethune Elementary School). There are 56 volunteer spots available for the tree planting project, and the OSWM&R would like to encourage members of the Georgia Tech community to help out. For more information about volunteering for the Final Four, please go to <http://www.volunteerfinalfouratl.com/>.



Georgia Tech Waste Diversion Statistics

Georgia Tech’s Atlanta campus recycled 231 tons of mixed office paper in 2012. That’s an average of 4.7 tons for each of the Wednesday paper pickups. You can see on the graph below how paper collection fluctuates throughout the year. There is a significant increase in the amount of paper discarded on campus in May at the end of spring semester, and another spike in August when fall semester begins.

Georgia Tech Mixed Office Paper Recycling 2012



Upcoming Events

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

320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

2nd Saturday of each month
(10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

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 please visit the Keep Atlanta Beautiful website: <http://www.keeptatlantabeautiful.org/programs/Recycling.asp>.

[National MLK Holiday Observance: A Day of Service](#)

Service projects located throughout the metro Atlanta area

Monday, January 21, 2013 (8:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Make a difference with “A Day On, Not a Day Off!” Join Georgia Tech’s third annual MLK Day of Service, a campus-wide initiative honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Participants will serve in teams and engage in service projects with metro Atlanta community partners. There are 250 volunteer spots available.

See registration details and a full schedule at www.leadandengage.gatech.edu.

[Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable](#)

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall

634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, February 1, 2013 (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 February is “Georgia’s General Assembly Update.” The cost is \$10 for students. For non-students, the cost is \$15 for advance purchase, and \$20 at the door. Continental breakfast and beverage are included.

Doors open at 7:00 am for networking; the roundtable discussion is from 7:30 – 9:00 am.

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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Visit Our Website

As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. Recycling guidelines and useful links can be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.