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Keep America Beautiful and the Advertising Council have teamed up on a national recycling awareness campaign. The "I Want to be Recycled" campaign aims to provide consumers with information about the recycling process. Visit the campaign's recently launched website, http://iwanttoberecycled.org/, to learn about common recycling myths and find out how various materials are recycled into new products.

Meet the Team



Georgia Tech's Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling is staffed by ten full-time employees. From left to right: DeMarco Marshall, Nick Giles, Heart Lawson, David Pina, Maria Linderoth, Tom Martin, R'tis Johnson, and Rodrick Barron. Not pictured: James Epps. If you have any questions or feedback about Georgia Tech's recycling program, please call us at (404) 385-0088, send an email to recycle@gatech.edu, or visit us online at www.recycle.gatech.edu/.

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Georgia Tech Hosts the 2013 Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit

On June 25-26, Georgia Tech hosted more than 100 participants, representing dozens of colleges and universities from around the country, for the 3rd annual Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit. Although the previous two Summits were also held in Atlanta, this was the first time that the event took place at a participating school's campus. The Summit was preceded by a half-day workshop for Athletic Directors and their staff on Monday, June 25.

Georgia Tech's Athletic Director, Mike Bobinski, welcomed Gene Smith, Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University, who gave the keynote address at Monday's Athletic Director's workshop. At the Athletic Director's Workshop and the Summit, attendees learned about and discussed best practices for greening college athletic and recreational facilities and operations. At the close of the Summit, participants had the opportunity to tour many of Georgia Tech's athletic and recreational facilities, and learn about sustainability features incorporated into their design, construction, operations, and/or maintenance.



For more information about the Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit, please click here.



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Georgia Tech's Campus Recreation Center has a rooftop solar array that, at the time of its construction, was the largest in the world.



Jeff Steele, Associate Athletic Director -Facilities & Operations at Auburn University, discusses best practices for integrating sustainability into collegiate athletics.



Gene Smith (center), Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University, gave the keynote address at the Athletic Director's Workshop at the Wardlaw Center on June 24.

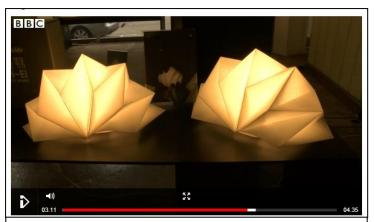
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Free Recycling Services for On-Campus Special Events

If you are hosting a special event on campus, the OSWM&R can provide recycling containers for your event at no cost. We have recycling bins for plastic bottles & containers, aluminum cans, glass, mixed paper, and cardboard. You can use our convenient <u>online form</u> to request the containers, which will be delivered and picked up free of charge. Please submit your request at least one week in advance.

Recycling News From Around the World

Products made from recycled and repurposed materials are becoming more and more creative. The BBC recently reported on three innovative projects from around the world, including a suitcase made from discarded carpet, origami-inspired lampshades repurpsed from plastic bottles, and a converted bicycle that turns discarded plastic into reusable plastic thread. To read the full article and watch a four-minute video, please visit the BBC News website.



Above: 'IN-EI' lamps, one of three innovative recycling projects featured in the BBC News' video series "Up Next".

ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: What is the Atlanta BeltLine?

Answer: The Atlanta BeltLine consists of parks, multi-use trails, and public art along an old 22-mile railroad corridor that circles downtown Atlanta. When completed, the BeltLine will connect 45 neighborhoods and will provide Atlanta residents and visitors with 1,300 acres of new parks and greenspace, as well as 33 miles of trails.



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Seven miles of multi-use trails are already open or are under construction. One of completed trail sections is just 1.5 miles away from campus! The 2.25-mile Eastside trail begins at the southeast corner of Piedmont Park (at the intersection of Tenth Street and Monroe Drive) and runs south to Irwin Street. To learn more about the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit http://beltline.org. You can also download a PowerPoint presentation that provides an overview of the BeltLine project by clicking on the following link: http://beltline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/2013-101-for-website.pdf.

To ask Enviro-Man a question, click here.

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Upcoming Events

Atlanta BeltLine Tours

Tours depart from the Inman Park MARTA station, Atlanta, GA Fridays and Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Cost: Free! Reservations are required.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership offers free, narrated bus tours of the Atlanta BeltLine on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Take a ride while you learn about the Atlanta BeltLine concept, its history, and updates on project planning, implementation and development. Reservations are required and can be made online. Tours depart from the Inman Park MARTA station and check-in is at 9:15 am.

Atlanta Bicycle Coalition Fun Ride

Meet at the Little 5 Points Village Coffee Shop 420 Seminole Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA

Sunday, July 21, 2013 (10:30 am – 12:30 pm) Cost: Free!

Designed for beginning cyclists, those new to group riding, or the cyclist who is looking for a slow, socially oriented jaunt through our intown neighborhoods. Experienced riders will share knowledge and answer questions to help folks feel more comfortable riding with a group on the streets of Atlanta. This is a slowpaced social ride (avg. 10-12 mph) between 10 and 15 miles in length. Faster riders may race up hills but will wait for the group at the top. Our motto is fun for everyone! This ride is always on Sunday and starts at 10:30 a.m. Meet in Little Five Points (corner of Euclid and Moreland Ave.) by the Village Coffee Shop. Helmets required. No ride if raining. For more information call Pam at (770)319-8888 or email poedesign@charter.net.

Keep Atlanta Beautiful – Community Recycling Center

320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

August 10, 2013 (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/?page_id=77.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program, please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this <u>newsletter</u>. 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.