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Recycle Cardboard During Student Move In

August is here, signaling the start of a new school year. One of the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling's (OSWM&R) most successful recycling initiatives takes place before the school year officially starts, during student move in. Beginning August 12, approximately 8,000 students will be moving into the campus residence halls. It is a hectic time, and students have a lot of questions. One question that we take care of for you is 'What do I do with all of those moving boxes?'





During move in, the OSWM&R sets up temporary recycling sites outside each residence hall, making it convenient for students and their families to recycle their cardboard boxes. Look for areas marked off with orange construction fencing, and simply drop your empty cardboard boxes on the ground inside the enclosure. Moving boxes are accepted, as well as the boxes that your new electronics and appliances come in. No plastic wrap or Styrofoam, please! The staff of the OSWM&R will pick up the cardboard and haul it to a recycling center. During the fall 2012 move in, we collected approximately 14,000 pounds of cardboard!

Game Day Recycling - Season Preview

Georgia Tech's Game Day Recycling program is gearing up for its 6th season, which kicks off on Saturday, August 31st at the GT vs. Elon game. Football games bring thousands of people onto campus and generate tons of trash. Since 2008, Georgia Tech's Game Day Recycling program has

been making the games more green by diverting plastic bottles, glass bottles, and aluminum cans from the landfill during home football games and tailgates. A total of 99.2 tons of materials have been collected to date. This season we are looking forward to crossing the 100 ton mark!

If you are tailgating, you can place your bottles and cans in the blue bags that will be given out by volunteers, then just leave the bags on the ground. They will be picked up by Georgia Tech's Recycling staff the following morning. Recycling bins will also be set up in and around Bobby Dodd Stadium.

At each home football game we will be searching for a "Green Tailgater of the Game" who will be featured on the stadium video board. Use the Georgia Tech <u>Green Tailgating Guide</u> for inspiration and get noticed!



Green Greeters promote recycling outside Bobby Dodd Stadium.



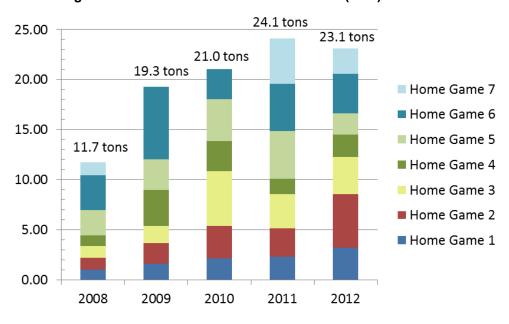
Volunteer registration is now open! It takes many people to reach out to the 40,000 or more fans who attend each game. Volunteers are the main reason the Game Day Recycling program is so successful. You can help by distributing blue bags to tailgaters or greeting fans as they go into the stadium. The commitment is typically an hour or less, and all volunteers are finished by the start of the game. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt, and either pizza or a concessions voucher! For more information and to sign up visit <u>www.recycle.gatech.edu/volunteer</u>.

You can also connect with Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling on Facebook and Twitter.



Game Day Recycling Results

The graph below shows the weight of materials diverted from the landfill during each of Georgia Tech's home football games and tailgates since the Game Day Recycling program began in 2008. To date, the program has diverted 99.2 tons of material from the landfill.



Weight of Materials Diverted From the Landfill (tons)

Help Plan Georgia Tech's 2014 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's 17th Annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 18, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Tech Walk and Tech Green.

Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff are invited to join the Earth Day Planning Committee. If you are interested in learning more about committee membership, please attend our first meeting on Friday, September 20th from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Student Commons Crescent Room. For more information contact Cindy Jackson at <u>cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu</u> or visit the GT Earth Day website: <u>www.earthday.gatech.edu</u>.





Recycling Container Request Form Now Available Online

If you are on campus and need recycling containers, whether for a special event, office cleanout, or individual desk-side containers, you can now submit your request online. <u>Click here</u> to access the form, or go to <u>www.recycle.gatech.edu</u> and select "Request a Container" from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.



ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: My department has some confidential/sensitive documents that need to be destroyed. How can we recycle and not waste that paper?

Answer: When your department has a large quantity of documents that need to be shredded, follow these simple steps:



- (1.) Pack up all material in boxes, seal them and mark the boxes "Confidential/Sensitive". A maximum of 25 boxes are permitted.
- (2.) Email Heart Hodges and place a request for the confidential boxes to be picked up: <u>heartense.hodges@facilities.gatech.edu</u>.
- (3.) Your boxes will be picked up by the OSWM&R and taken off campus by a certified vendor to be shredded and recycled.

To ask Enviro-Man a question, <u>click here</u>.

Upcoming Events

Georgia Tech Farmers Market

Tech Walkway, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA Thursdays, September 5 – November 21, 2013 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

The dates have been announced for Georgia Tech's Fall Farmer's Market. The Farmers Market will be held every Thursday from September 5th to November 21st from 11am-2pm on Tech Walkway. Many of your favorites vendors will be returning, and we will even be expanding our lineup, so make sure to come hungry!

Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable

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

Friday, September 13, 2013 (7:30 – 9:00 am) Cost: \$10 - \$20, includes continental breakfast and beverage

Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes each month to discuss the region's current environmental issues – from water to energy, urban planning to government policy, and much more. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. The topic for September is "A Conversation with the Atlanta Beltline's New CEO Paul Morris". The cost is \$10 for students. For non-students the cost is \$15 for advance purchase and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 am for networking. The roundtable discussion is from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

Keep Atlanta Beautiful – Community Recycling Center 320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

> September 14, 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 <u>www.recycle.gatech.edu.</u>