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## Recycling Tips

Don't let spilled food or drinks ruin your favorite clothes! You can help the environment, save money, and make your clothes last longer by removing tough stains using common cleaning agents you may already have at home. [Click here](#) to learn how to effectively remove ten commons stains from fabrics, including chocolate, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, and grease.

## Earth Day Volunteer Registration is Now Open!

**GA Tech's Earth Day Celebration is one of the largest in the southeast.** On April 19, 2013, thousands of people will converge on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus for the 16th annual Earth Day Celebration, which features 70 exhibitors, live music, free organic popcorn and recycling activities.

**It takes more than 200 volunteers to make the event a success.** We need volunteers to help set up the stage, assist with the Office Supply Exchange and E-waste recycling, give out organic popcorn and Earth Day T-shirts, and much more. No prior experience is required. You can volunteer for one hour, all day, or anything in between. All volunteers will receive a free Earth Day T-shirt.

**Help us make the 16th annual Earth Day Celebration the biggest and best one yet!** Please go to <http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/volunteers.html> for more information and to sign up.



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## Earth Day Spring Cleanout

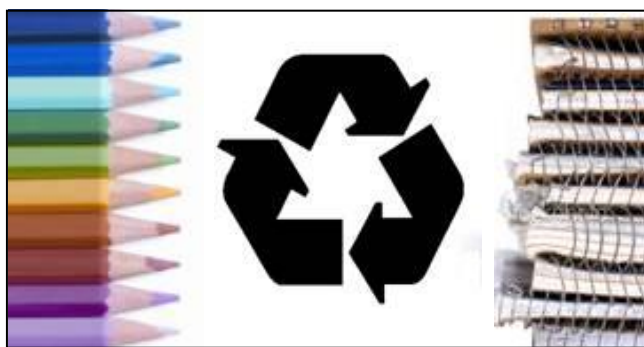
This year's Earth Day Celebration will feature a clothing swap, an office supply exchange, E-waste recycling, and athletic shoe recycling. In order to make these programs successful, we need your donations!



From now through April 5, the Earth Day Planning Committee is accepting **gently used clothing, worn-out sneakers, personal electronics** (no state or unit property), and **extra office supplies**.

Usable electronics will be donated to the Office Supply Exchange and non-functioning electronics will be recycled through Atlanta Recycling Solutions. At the 2012 Earth Day Celebration, \$10,700 worth of office supplies were exchanged and we recycled 3,666 pounds of electronics.

If you have office supplies that are just laying around gathering dust, an old cell phone that no longer works, or a sweater that you don't wear anymore, here is an opportunity to clean out your closets and support Georgia Tech's Earth Day Celebration at the same time. To see a complete list of acceptable items visit [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu).



### Drop-off Opportunities

#### **March 4 – April 5:**

From now through April 5<sup>th</sup>, you can drop off your unneeded office supplies, personal E-waste, gently used clothes (in good condition), and old sneakers at:

- Burdell's (in the Student Center Commons), at the check-out register
- Georgia Tech Barnes & Noble (at 5<sup>th</sup> Street), at the check-out register
- The Campus Recreation Center
- Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling (947 Atlantic Drive): Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am – 1pm. *Please call (404) 385-0088 before dropping off donations at the OSWM&R.*
- At the Georgia Tech Farmers Market: Every Thursday on Tech Walk from 11am – 2pm. Look for the Earth Day table. *Note there is no farmers market on March 21 due to Spring break.*

#### **At the Earth Day Celebration on April 19:**

You can also bring your donations with you to the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 19 on Tech Walk (10am-3pm).



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**16th Annual Earth Day Celebration!**  
Friday, April 19, 2013  
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Tech Walk

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## Nominations Sought for Tech Green Awards

### ***Do you know an environmental leader on campus?***

If you know an individual or a group that has made a significant contribution to recycling, clean air, water conservation, pollution control, energy, sustainability or other environmental issue, you can nominate them for the Tech Green Awards. The *Environmental Leadership Award* honors an individual (faculty, staff, alumnus, or retiree) for long-term commitment and significant environmental impact. The *Environmental Initiative Award* recognizes a project by a student or group of students that has made a considerable environmental impact in 2012. Winners will be recognized at the Earth Day Celebration on April 19<sup>th</sup>.



Nomination forms, criteria, and other information are available at [www.earthday.gatech.edu/leadership.html](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/leadership.html). Nominations will be accepted through March 17<sup>th</sup>. Self-nominations are welcome.

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## GT Earth Day “Find-It Friday”

“Find-It Friday” is an Earth Day scavenger hunt. Each Friday leading up to the Earth Day Celebration (with the exception of spring break), the Earth Day Planning Committee will hide a token in a ‘green’ location somewhere on campus. If you find a token, you can bring it with you to the information booth at the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (from 10am-3pm) and exchange it for a prize! Clues will be given out on Facebook. Visit the [GT Earth Day Facebook page](#) to take part in the Find-It Friday scavenger hunt.



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## Georgia Tech Spring Farmers Market

The Spring 2013 Farmers Market has started! The Georgia Tech Student Center and Dining Services have partnered to bring local, sustainable food to the Georgia Tech community's fingertips every Thursday through April 25 (no market March 21 due to spring break) from 11am-2pm on Tech Walk. The market features a variety of local vendors who provide a plethora of fantastic produce and value added products. Every item at the market is either locally sourced, organic, or both.

At the Fall 2012 Farmers Market, there were an average of 14 vendors each week, which included freshly roasted hot and iced coffees and grass-fed burgers and beef products. Grant Grimes, Sustainability Coordinator for Georgia Tech Dining Services, says “We are proud to offer the entire Georgia Tech community access to local, sustainable, and affordable food products each semester as part of our commitment to sustainability. We hope to add multiple vendors each market season to make the Georgia Tech Farmers Market one of the best Farmers Markets in Georgia.” This semester, the Farmers Market will feature chef demonstrations showing participants how to make quick, healthy and affordable meals using items available at the market.



Don't miss the spring semester Farmers Market! Thursdays, through April 25, from 11am-2pm on Tech Walk. (Note: There is no market on March 21, due to spring break). For more information visit the [GT Dining Services website](#) or the [GT Farmers Market Facebook page](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### Georgia Tech Farmers Market

Tech Walk, Georgia Tech's Atlanta Campus, Atlanta, GA

Every Thursday through April 25 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase local and organic foods right here on campus! The Farmers Market will be held on Thursdays from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm on Tech Walk. Note: No Farmers Market on March 21, due to spring break. The vendors vary from week to week, but you can find everything from baked goods, to jams, pasta, honey and even popsicles!

### Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall

634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, April 5, 2013 (7:30 – 9:00 am)

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

Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes on the first Friday of 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 March is "The Future of Transit in Atlanta", featuring MARTA General Manager and CEO, Keith Parker. 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

Next event: April 13, 2013 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Creative Recycling Solutions host a monthly recycling drive for household electronic waste, office equipment 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.keeptatlantabeautiful.org/?page\\_id=77](http://www.keeptatlantabeautiful.org/?page_id=77).

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## 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](http://www.recycle.gatech.edu).