

THE RECYCLING BUZZ

Because we care



An electronic newsletter produced by GA Tech's Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling (OSWM&R)

Volume 11 — Issue 3 — November 2012

In This Issue

[Game Day Recycling Update](#)

[Earth Day Opportunities](#)

[Ask Enviro-Man](#)

[Meet the Team](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Comments and Suggestions](#)

Recycling Tips

America Recycles Day is Thursday, November 15. You can get involved by signing the [America Recycles Day Pledge](#). More than 27,000 people have already taken the pledge.

You can also [click here](#) to find local events in conjunction with America Recycles Day.

Earth Day Design Contest: Deadline Extended

Georgia Tech Earth Day T-shirt Design Contest

WIN \$500

Submit your design for the 2013 Georgia Tech Earth Day Celebration, and you could win \$500!

This year's theme:

TECH for a Greener Future

for more information, visit www.earthday.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech Earth Day


DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26

Game Day Recycling Program on Track to Reach 100-ton Milestone

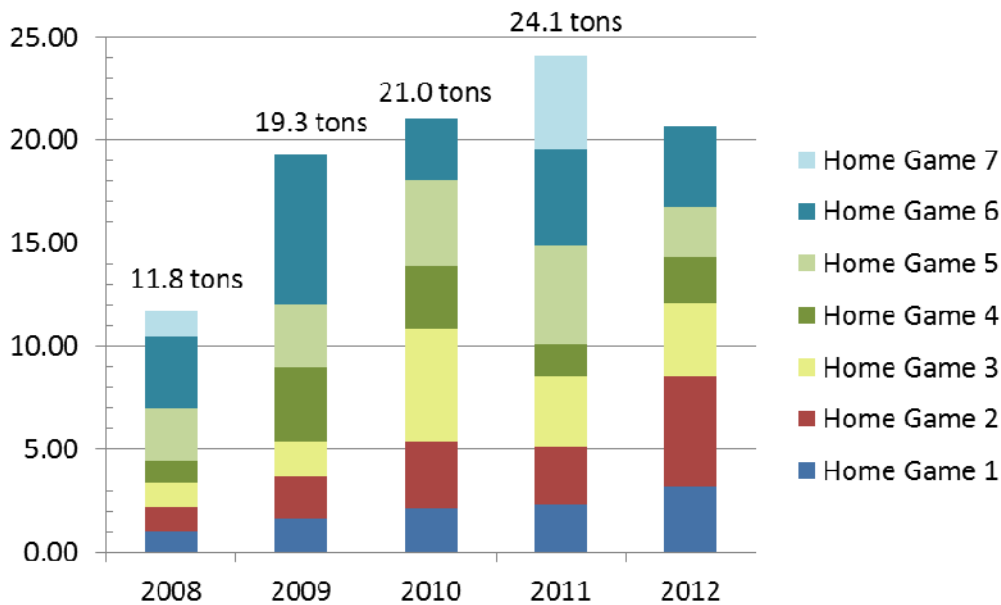


Since the Game Day Recycling program began in 2008, 96.9 tons of material have been diverted from the landfill. We are just 3.1 tons away from reaching the 100 ton mark, and there is one more opportunity this season to make it happen! If you are attending the Duke game on November 17th, make sure to participate in the Game Day Recycling program. Every bottle and can counts!

Volunteers are still needed for the November 17th game. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

You can also connect with Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling on [Facebook](#). 

Materials Diverted From the Landfill by the Game Day Recycling Program (tons)



Earth Day 2013

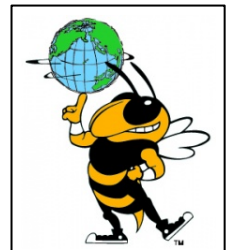
Georgia Tech's 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 10am – 3pm on Tech Walk. Join us in celebrating this year's theme, TECH for a Greener Future.

Get a Booth at Earth Day! Go to www.earthday.gatech.edu/registration.html to register your booth. Let us know how you can communicate the 2013 theme, TECH for a Greener Future, and show your environmental impact. Both on campus and off campus organizations or companies can register for a booth, and hosting is completely free! Booths are available on a first-come first-serve basis.



Win \$500 by designing the Earth Day T-shirt! Contest deadline extended. Design the artwork for Georgia Tech's 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration that illustrates the 2013 theme, TECH for a Greener Future. The deadline to submit an entry is November 26. The contest is open to Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees. Visit <http://earthday.gatech.edu/tshirt.html> for more information on rules, design criteria, and submission process.

Get involved in the Earth Day Planning Committee. Help make the 2013 Earth Celebration the best one yet! We need people who are enthusiastic about Earth Day and can bring their ideas to the table. No experience necessary. Join us at an upcoming meeting: November 13th (11am-12pm) in the Student Center room 301, or November 27th (11am-12pm) in the Student Commons Crescent room. For more information about the Earth Day Celebration, visit www.earthday.gatech.edu or contact Cindy Jackson at (404) 894-2004 or cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu.



ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: Why can't I recycle old pizza boxes on campus?



Answer: Pizza boxes are made out of corrugated cardboard, which can be recycled if it is clean. Used pizza boxes, however, are contaminated with food residue, grease, and oil. When cardboard is recycled it is mixed with water to make a slurry. If oil is trapped in the cardboard it will not mix with the water causing the entire batch to be ruined. So if your cardboard is free of all food contaminants it can definitely be recycled, but if it has any residue on it, it goes in the trash. Learn more about cardboard recycling and the mystery behind recycling pizza boxes at <http://earth911.com/news/2009/03/02/the-pizza-box-mystery/>.

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

Meet the Team

~ The OSWM&R wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving! ~



Back row (left to right): Bud Johnson, R'tis Johnson, Rahul Mody, Maria Linderoth, Rodrick Barron, Tom Martin.
Front row (left to right): Demarco Marshall, Heart Hodges-Lawson, Cindy Jackson, David Pina, Heather Cook.
Not pictured: Nick Giles.

Here are some of our favorite Thanksgiving traditions:

- + What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day dish?
Turkey wings and Macaroni and cheese – *R'tis*
 - + What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day Tradition?
Have my Atlanta Falcons house slippers on my feet, eating, playing cards with the family, and watching football games – *Demarco*
 - + Who do you like to celebrate Thanksgiving day with?
My parents and my younger brother – *Maria*
 - + What are you most thankful for?
My wife and watching my kids grow up – *Nick*
-
-

Upcoming Events

[Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling Volunteers Needed](#)

Georgia Tech's Atlanta Campus

Saturday, November 17 (*Times Vary*)

Volunteer registration is now open for the 2012 football season and the Game Day Recycling program needs your help! Please join us prior to each home game to help give out blue recycling bags to tailgaters, or greet fans as they go into the Stadium. The volunteer commitment is just one hour and all volunteers will be finished in time for kickoff. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt as well as pizza or a concessions voucher. For more information and to sign up, please go to http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/programs/gdr/gdr_volunteer_info.php.

[Student Government Association Sustainability Summit](#)

Clary Theater, Bill Moore Student Success Center

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 (*5:30 pm – 7:00 pm*)

Doors open at 5:25 pm for networking and refreshments

Cost: Free!

Learn about sustainability initiatives on campus with keynote speaker, Marcia Kinstler (Director of Sustainability), and a panel of professors/staff to answer any questions you have. Food will be provided by Fresh Market.

[Students Organizing for Sustainability Fall Festival](#)

GT Community Garden on the Instructional Center Lawn

Friday, November 16, 2012 (*4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*)

Cost: Free!

Come out to the community garden for a great event with food and activities. Plant your own garlic bulb, go on a "Hey!" Ride with Starter Bikes, and have some fun!

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.

Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling

Cindy Jackson, Program Manager

151 Sixth Street, NW

Atlanta, GA 30332-0350

Tel: 404-385-0088 ~ Fax: 404-385-0710

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.