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Recycling Tips

Happy New Year from the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling! This year, consider reducing your waste as a New Year's Resolution. To make it easier, Earth911 has suggestions for *41 Ways to Waste Less Today*, such as using food scraps for compost, donating old clothes, and tons of DIY repurposing projects. You can read the full list on the [Earth911 website](#).

Help Plan Georgia Tech's 17th 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 Fridays from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) and actively participate in the planning of the 17th Annual Earth Day Celebration, which will be held on campus on April 18, 2014.

If you are interested in joining the Earth Day Planning Committee, please join us at our 11am-12pm Friday meetings. The January 17th and 24th meetings will be in the Student Center Room 359, and the January 31st meeting will be in the Student Center Crescent Room. 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 17th Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 18, 2014 (10am - 3pm) on Tech Walk.

ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: I know many companies declare that sustainability is an important pillar in their business, but are any large companies actually employing any large-scale eco-friendly practices?



Answer: The environment has definitely become a concern to many major businesses today; it cannot simply be ignored in the business world like it has in the past. Facebook has taken large strides for sustainability by announcing that its new data center in Iowa will use 100% renewable wind energy. Even new businesses, like GoGreen Rides in New York, have surfaced to provide sustainable transportation in busy cities. One thing has become clear—companies can no longer brush environmental impact aside, but must instead work to provide products and services in a clean, green way.

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

Meet the Team

“Meet the Team” is a feature that gives you an opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the staff of the OSWM&R and learn a little more about who we are and what we do.



Shawn Dunham, Campus Recycling Specialist I

This month we would like to introduce Shawn Dunham, Campus Recycling Specialist I. Shawn is from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and has been working at Georgia Tech for four months. Harrisburg is just a few miles away from Hershey, PA, which is the home of Hershey’s Chocolate. Shawn says, “I must have toured the plant at least a dozen times. I ate so much chocolate growing up that I don’t have a taste for it anymore!” These days, you’re more likely to find him enjoying barbeque chicken or a T-bone steak with a side of his favorite vegetable, corn.

Shawn says these past four months at Georgia Tech have been a learning experience. “I didn’t have any prior experience working at a University, or working with recycling, so I have learned a lot. The recycling process itself is very interesting. I see now how important it is to get additional use out of what I used to think of as trash. I recycle more at home, too, and have gone from an occasional to a regular recycler. I have also learned about everything that goes on behind the scenes, and what it takes to keep the campus going. Georgia Tech is like a city within the city.”

What has been the most memorable thing so far? “I really enjoy helping out with the Game Day Recycling program during home football games – all the activity on campus, the preparations for tailgating, everyone coming out in support of the team – you definitely feel like you’re a part of Georgia Tech. It’s very exciting! At the Pittsburgh game was my first time seeing the band march down the hill. I was unaware of this tradition. It was great hearing the fight song and watching the band charge into the stadium. After that, I always made sure to be in front of the stadium when the band came down the hill on game days.”

What do you do in your free time? “I’m all about the Denver Broncos! It all started in 1986, when I was 17 years old. I remember watching the Denver Broncos play the Cleveland Browns. There was 1 minute and 52 seconds left on the clock, and Denver had the ball at the four yard line. John Elway was the starting quarterback. He drove the Broncos all the way down the field to score a touchdown and win the game 21-17. It was called ‘The Drive’. I fell in love with them from that day on.”

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 20, 2014 (8:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Make a difference with “A Day On, Not a Day Off!” Join Georgia Tech’s fourth 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 7, 2014 (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. Audience members are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. Doors open at 7:00 am for networking; the roundtable discussion is from 7:30 – 9:00 am. 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.

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.