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Cool Recycling Facts

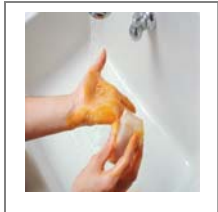
- ◆It takes only 60 days for an aluminum can to be recycled and put back on the store shelf as a new can filled with your favorite beverage.
- ◆Nearly all steel manufactured in the world is made from scrap.
- ◆Recycling a ton of plastic saves the energy equivalent of 1,000-2,000gallons of gasoline.

Source: Georgia Recycling Coalition, Inc.

Monthly Topic: Re-Commit To Saving Water!



This time of year is filled with people making resolutions to do better, to be stronger or to accomplish more. As you begin to implement your New Year’s resolutions please add this to your list: **I plan to renew my efforts to save water during 2008.** Following is a quick refresher on things that you can do to get back in the habit of conserving your water usage.



1. Keep your showers under five minutes.	6. Use the garbage disposal sparingly.
2. Don’t run water while brushing your teeth. Use a cup.	7. Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water plants.
3. Cook food in as little water as possible. This will also retain more of the nutrients.	8. When you wash your hands, while you soap them, turn off the water.
4. Make sure laundry and dishwasher loads are full loads before running.	9. Don’t use running water to thaw food. Place the food in a bowl of water.
5. Don’t run water while hand washing dishes. Fill the sink and use that water.	10. Monitor how much water your toilet uses and install a low-flow toilet if possible.

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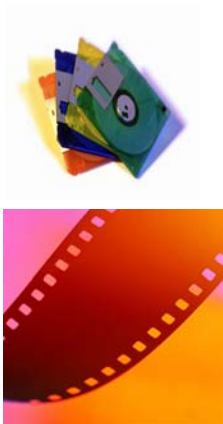
Earth Day & Think Green Week Scheduled For 2008

Earth Day 2008 Theme: “Take Action: Code Green”
Date: Friday, April 18, 2008
Time: 10am to 2pm
Location: Skiles Walkway
Earth Day Activities: Electronics & Cell Phone Recycling, Earth Day Maze, Nike Reuse-A-Shoe, Entertainment, Office Supply Exchange and much more!

Think Green Week
Dates: Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18
Events & Times: To be determined
Location: GA Tech Campus

For information on booth registration, sponsorship and other details: www.earthday.gatech.edu

Data Cleanup Project Phase II Begins Soon



GA Tech's first Data Cleanup Project will run from January 22 to February 8. Employees are being encouraged to locate, identify and then secure sensitive information, whether digital or hard copy. Once they do this, they can safely delete, destroy or archive their files and documents with assistance from the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, the GA Tech Information Security Center and the Library's Records Management Department. The Data Cleanup Project has received full support from the Office of the President as well as Procurement to ensure its success.

Employees who want to destroy their sensitive documents through the Recycling Department can go online to the [Solid Waste and Recycling](#) website and receive directions on how to do so. For more details on GA Tech's Data Cleanup visit, datacleanup.gatech.edu.

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2007 Recycling Statistics

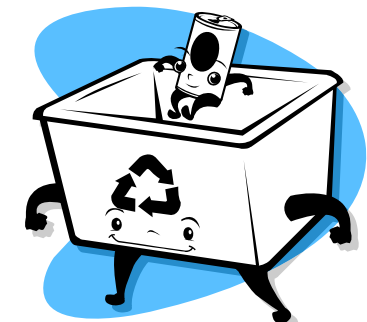
Following are the total statistics for the various materials that were recycled by Georgia Tech in the past year. Thank you for your commitment to making Georgia Tech's recycling program such a success!

2007 Recycling Materials	
Material	Tonnage
Aluminum Cans	1.48
Cardboard	91.95
Confidentials	12.58
Glass	20.46
Metal	110.04
Mixed Office Paper	263.15
Newspaper	23.99
Pallets	17.87
Plastic	15.67
Tires	3.76
Total	560.95

Note: Stats are year-to-date pending receipt of outstanding invoices for Dec. 2007.

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ASK ENVIRO-MAN!



Question: Happy New Year Enviro-Man! With water restrictions still in effect due to the drought, I want to do my part to conserve water. Can you list some of the restrictions and/or provide a place where I can find details about the state-mandated restrictions? Carly

Answer: Hi there Carly. The northern third of Georgia, including metro Atlanta is under a Level 4, which is the highest level of drought response, so most outdoor water use is not allowed. If you live in any other part of the state you can go to the website for the [Georgia Environmental Protection Division](#) to see the kind of restrictions that apply there. Thanks for your question and let's be great in 2008! Enviro-Man

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Upcoming Events – February 2008

<u>U.S. Composting Council 16th Annual Conference & Trade Show</u> Oakland, CA Feb. 9-12
<u>Plastics Recycling 2008: The North American Plastics Recycling Conference</u> Jacksonville, FL Feb. 26-27, 2008
<u>Carbon Forum America 2008</u> San Francisco, CA Feb. 26-27, 2008

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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 our environment.

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As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. RCP listings, useful links, and a green purchasing guideline can now be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.

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