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Recycling Tips

If you are looking for new ideas to make your lifestyle more green, www.greenshortz.com is a great resource. The site features short videos (typically 4 minutes or less), such as “[10 Ways to Green Your Workday](#)”, that cover a variety of environmental topics, from water and energy to reuse and recycling. According to the Greenshortz website, “The goal of Greenshortz is to help you begin living a greener lifestyle one simple step at a time.”

Earth Day Volunteer Registration is Now Open!

GA Tech's Earth Day Celebration is one of the largest in the southeast. On April 18, 2014, thousands of people will converge on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus for the 17th 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 17th 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.



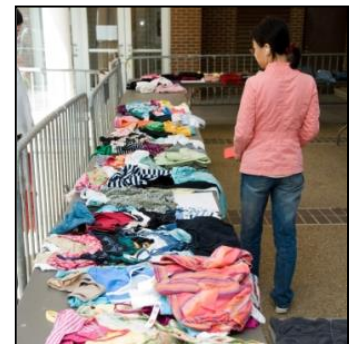
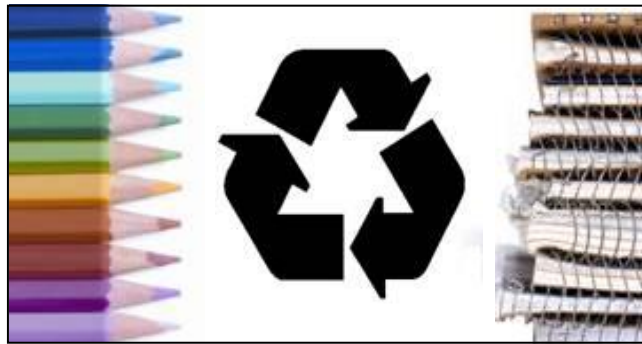
Earth Day Spring Cleanout

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 March 27, 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. Old sneakers will be recycled through the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. Gently used clothes will be traded at the Clothing Swap. At the Earth Day Celebration on Friday April 18, Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff with a valid BuzzCard can shop for free at the Office Supply Exchange and Clothing Swap.



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.



Drop-off Opportunities

March 4 – 27:

From now through March 27th, you can drop off your unneeded office supplies, personal E-waste, gently used clothes (in good condition), and old sneakers at The Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling ([947 Atlantic Drive](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu)) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 2pm.

At the Georgia Tech Farmers Market:

Donations can be dropped off at the Earth Day table at the Georgia Tech Farmers Market on Thursday, March 13 and Thursday, March 27 from 11am – 2pm on Tech Walk.

Drop-off boxes are also located at several locations around campus, including the Campus Recreation Center, Burdell's (in the Student Center Commons, at the check-out register) and at the Georgia Tech Barnes & Noble (at the check-out register). For a complete list of locations, go to http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/clothing_swap.html.

At the Earth Day Celebration on April 18:

You can also bring your donations with you to the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 18 on Tech Walk (10am-3pm).



Georgia Tech's
17th Annual Earth Day Celebration
Friday, April 18, 2014
(10 am – 3 pm)
Tech Walk

Silver Leaf Initiative Recognizes Student Organizations for Environmental Commitment

In February, Georgia Tech's Student Government Association launched the Silver Leaf program. Silver Leaf is a certification program that recognizes Georgia Tech student organizations for their commitment to environmental practices. In order to be eligible for Silver Leaf certification, student organizations must incorporate recycling at their special events. Recycling bins can be requested from the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling and will be provided free of charge. Additional requirements will likely be added in future years as the program expands. Student organizations can apply up for Silver Leaf certification online at www.recycle.gatech.edu/silverleaf.

The Silver Leaf initiative is a collaborative effort among the Student Government Association, the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, the Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems, and Capital Planning & Space Management.

For additional information about the Silver Leaf program, contact Rachit Kansal, Student Government Association Sustainability Committee Co-Chair, at rkansal6@gatech.edu.



Georgia Tech Students Tackle Food Waste and Hunger Via Campus Kitchens Project

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "About 35 million tons of food waste reach landfills and incinerators each year in the United States. This waste could be prevented, used to feed people, or composted to create a valuable soil amendment." (Source: <http://www.epa.gov/foodrecovery/>). A group of dedicated Georgia Tech students is addressing the issues of waste and hunger by working to establish a Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech. The Campus Kitchens Project is a non-profit organization that provides nourishing meals for food-insecure persons using donated food. Student volunteers at participating schools utilize donated kitchen space on campus to prepare the meals. There are currently 34 Campus Kitchens at high schools, colleges and universities across the US.

Georgia Tech's Campus Kitchen will take unused, quality food from the dining halls and use it to prepare nutritious meals for individuals in the Atlanta area. Student volunteers will be trained in proper procedures for safely handling the food, and meals will be prepared in the kitchen at Brittain Dining Hall. In February, the group won a \$5,000 grant to assist with the costs of opening a Campus Kitchen.



Grant Grimes, Student Promotions Coordinator for Georgia Tech Dining Services, anticipates that Georgia Tech's Campus Kitchen will begin operating later this spring. The Campus Kitchen is a student-run initiative, with support from Dining Services and the Honors Program. Grant says that "Georgia Tech Dining Services views serving our community as our top priority, and through this partnership with Georgia Tech, we will be able to increase our positive impact on our community while reducing our impact on the environment at the same time".

If you are interested in getting involved with the Georgia Tech Campus Kitchen, contact Grant Grimes at grant.grimes@sodexo.com. For more information about The Campus Kitchens ProjectSM please go to <http://www.campuskitchens.org/>.

Upcoming Events

[Georgia Tech Farmers Market](#)

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

Thursdays, March 6 – April 24 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase local and organic foods right here on campus! The Georgia Tech Farmers Market will be held on Thursdays from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm on Tech Walk. The vendors vary from week to week, but you can find everything from baked goods, to jams, pasta, honey and even popsicles! Note: No Farmers Market on March 20th, due to spring break.

[Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable](#)

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall

634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, March 7, 2014 (7:30 – 9:00 am)

Cost: \$20 (\$10 for students), 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 Inequality of Sprawl." The session will be moderated by Michael Dobbins, Professor of the Practice of Planning, Georgia Tech College of Architecture. Doors open at 7:00 am for networking. The roundtable discussion is from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

[Atlanta Science Festival "Science on the Screen: Sustainability"](#)

Cinefest Theater at Georgia State University

66 Courtland St. SE, Suite 240, Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 (7:00 pm – 9:30 pm)

Cost: Free

As part of the Eureka Film Series at Georgia State University, Science on the Screen brings you series of short films and features exploring the theme of Sustainability. Between presentations, GSU science faculty and special guests will offer insights into the films' subject matter and their production. Descriptions of the films that will be screened are available at <http://atlantasciencefestivalgsu.com/eureka-screen/>.

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.