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Trivia

1. Of all trash generated by Americans _____ percent is recyclable.
- 30% 45% 60% 75% 80%
2. Americans recycle approximately _____ percent of trash.
- 5% 16% 28% 33% 40%
3. True or false, there are more roads in our National Forests than the entire U.S. Interstate Highway system.
4. Paper products use up at least _____ percent of the world's annual commercial wood harvest.
- 15% 20% 35% 40% 65%
5. One person uses and discards _____ pine trees in paper products each year.
- 1 2 3 4 5

[Trivia Answers](#)



Environmental Leader of the Month



Our campus offers many opportunities for community members to step up and inspire others to participate in recycling, become aware of their environment, and improve their stewardship efforts.

This month we interviewed Ms. Judy Fitzpatrick. She is a Project Support Analyst at GTRI. Ms. Fitzpatrick has been with GA Tech for 19 years and retired August 31, 2006. During her extensive career with GA Tech Ms. Fitzpatrick also served as the Recycling Contact Person for CRB, and was a member of the Earth Day committee for several years.

We asked Ms. Fitzpatrick the following:

Tell us about your environmental contribution: I recycle just about everything!

What is your inspiration? My friends call me "earth mother" because I really believe we need to do more to help **reduce** landfills, **reuse** more of the things we have instead of throwing them out to buy new "stuff," **and** **recycle** more of what we now trash.

How do you encourage others to be environmentally aware? By example.

What would you like to share with the GA Tech community? I would like folks to realize that it's not enough to build "green" buildings if we continue to add to landfills instead of recycling. Both "systems" are needed -- for the environment as well as the economy (creating new businesses and new jobs). I hope to avidly work on this as I retire and move to New Mexico this year.

What would you like to see the recycling department do/implement? Be more proactive (funded and staffed) in getting recycling going better in all parts of GIT/GTRI!

If you know of a student, faculty or staff member, retiree, or alum that inspires others to be environmentally aware? Someone that exemplifies the 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle' lifestyle? Or maybe they are a motivator of their peers. You can nominate them to be featured in our next edition. Simply send an [email](#) telling us why you feel they should be recognized. Please limit your email to 150 words or less!

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Student Move In

GA Tech has had another successful student move in! Over many days hundreds of freshmen, and returning students, moved into campus housing. With them they brought many boxes full of clothes, food, computers, and more. Every year the Recycling office establishes temporary collection sites for students to deposit their used boxes. This year there were 16 locations throughout campus to capture all of the cardboard that would have been put in the paper recycling. All of the cardboard collected will be recycled and used to make new boxes. Over a one week period we collected 16,160 pounds, or 8.08 tons, of cardboard.

The cardboard recycling sites were only available for one short week, but don't think that you can't recycle cardboard on campus because they are gone. We also accept cardboard at our [two main recycling sites](#) (by O'Keefe and ULC/Woodruff South), as well as in several buildings on campus. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on where you can recycle.



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Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling Services

The Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling (OSWM&R) provides many services to the GA Tech community. You may already know that students receive blue recycling containers in their dorms when they move in, staff members are provided a desk side containers, and temporary containers are provided to faculty during events and when they are relocating. But did you know that OSWM&R also provides recycling services beyond these?

On campus there are many recycling opportunities. There are [two main recycling sites](#) (by O'Keefe and ULC/Woodruff South) that are available to all faculty, staff and students. You can recycle aluminum cans, plastic bottles (1 & 2), newsprint, mixed office paper, magazines, cardboard, and glass (clear, green and brown). These sites are commonly used by students that live off-campus or faculty and staff members that do not have comprehensive recycling programs in their neighborhoods. There are also 11 satellite recycling stations on campus where you can recycle cans, plastic bottles and newsprint. These locations are conveniently located along common walking paths which provide easy access.

During this school year if you have questions about recyclable materials, recycling locations, or if you have a special request, please contact our [office](#). Our goal is to have 100% participation from the entire GA Tech community!

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Mixed Office Paper Statistics for the Month of July

The Georgia Tech community recycled **32.36 tons** of Mixed Office Paper during the month of July.



The leading paper recycling building was the Library. Congratulations for the second time this year! They recycled 32 containers of paper.

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Upcoming Events

[Functional Fillers for Plastics 2006](#)

Sep. 25-27, 2006
Atlanta, Georgia USA

For upcoming events all around the United States, and other countries, visit <http://www.environmental-center.com/events.asp>.

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Trivia Answers

1. Of all trash generated by Americans **80** percent is recyclable.
2. Americans recycle approximately **28** percent of trash.
3. **True**, there are more roads in our National Forests than the entire U.S. Interstate Highway system.
4. Paper products use up at least **35** percent of the world's annual commercial wood harvest.
5. One person uses and discards **2** pine trees in paper products each year.

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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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