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Holiday Recycling Facts

Compact fluorescent bulbs last longer and use about 1/4 to 1/3 of the energy of an incandescent bulb, saving you both money and energy all year long. Substituting a compact fluorescent light for a traditional bulb will keep ½ ton of CO2 out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb.





Monthly Topic: Earth Friendly Holiday Gifts



The holiday season is supposed to be a time to celebrate, to rejoice and make lasting memories with friends and family. We can be environmentally friendly by giving eco-friendly gifts to our family, friends and co-workers. Below is a list of gift ideas.

- * Battery Charger
 - * Green Toys Tea Set
 - * Atomic Solar Watch
 - * Class (photography, crafts and art)
- * Grow Your Own Tree kits
 - * Compost Bin
 - * Water Powered Eco-clock

The simplest and best gift of all, which is 100% free, is the gift of your time.

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Holiday Recycling Tips

The holiday season means an increase of 25% more trash; the more you shop, the more you throw away. Here are some tips to help keep the holiday season green:

1. Keep the fronts of old holiday cards to frame them and use to decorate your house during the holiday season.
2. Use holiday stockings to wrap small gifts in, they can be reused year after year.
3. Have children make their own wrapping paper by designing and coloring on paper grocery bags.

Solid Waste Management & Recycling 2008 Accomplishments



2008 has been an outstanding year for the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling. We won two national awards, increased the income for recycling and exceeded the Game Day Recycling tonnage goal.

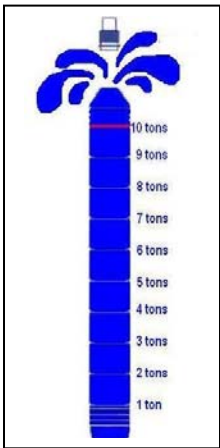
The department won the National Recycling Coalition's Outstanding College or University Program award and the American Forest & Paper Association's University Recycling Program award.

The income for recycling has doubled this year.

The goal for the Game Day Recycling was 10 tons and we exceeded that with more than 10.45 tons.

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Game Day Recycling

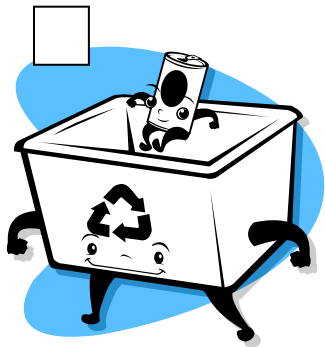


Georgia Tech's Game Day Recycling program has surpassed its goal of 10 tons of plastic bottles, glass and aluminum cans collected! Our last home game was on Thursday, November 20 and not only were we successful with our recycling, we won the football game against Miami!

We would like to especially thank the following departments for participating: Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling (OSWM&R), Facilities – Landscape Services, Communications and Marketing, Capital Planning and Space Management, Residence Hall Association (RHA), Environmental Alliance at Georgia Tech (EAGT), Student Government Association (SGA), Georgia Tech Athletic Association (GTAA), Greek Affairs.

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ASK ENVIRO-MAN!



Question: Hi Enviro-man, I want to purchase a live tree but I want to be environmentally friendly this holiday season, what are some ways I can recycle it? MJ

Answer: Hey there MJ! Recycling trees into landscape mulch, compost or wildlife habitat prolongs their usefulness beyond the tinsel and trim. Some communities offer curbside pick up for discarded trees or convenient drop off locations. ***Bring One for the Chipper*** is Georgia's annual Christmas tree recycling program. To find out where you can take your tree or volunteer to collect trees [click here](#). To ask Enviro-Man a question, [click here](#).

Mixed Office Paper Stats for November 2008

17.75 tons of mixed office paper was recycled for the month of November 2008. Let's continue to make this a great year for recycling by placing our mixed paper in the recycling containers provided by the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling.

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Upcoming Events – Fall 2008

<u>2008 WORC Annual Conference</u> Yakima, Washington December 10 -11, 2008
<u>Neighborhood Electronics & Cardboard Recycling</u> Grady High School, Atlanta, GA Dec. 20, 2008
<u>Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo Intl 2009</u> Louisville, Kentucky February 25 – 28, 2009

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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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