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Recycling Tips

America Recycles Day is November 15. This is an opportunity to take your recycling and waste reduction one step further! Maybe you've been thinking about switching to a reusable coffee mug, or wondering what to do with that old cell phone in your drawer. Pick one green action, no matter how big or small, and make it happen! More information at www.americarecyclesday.org.

Game Day Recycling Update

We have some great new things happening with our Game Day Recycling program! Thanks to everyone who helped divert waste from the landfill at the last two home games. From these games we collected about 8.5 tons of recycling! So what are we doing to make this possible?

One of our newest additions to the Game Day Recycling program is compost collection from the stadium suites. All of the food waste from the stadium suites is sent to Greenco, the leading organic recycling company servicing the southeast of the United States. There, they compost our waste with the waste they have collected from other places and transform it into a nutrient rich soil conditioner!

In addition to composting, we have really upped the ante on collecting recycling. The GT Athletic Association collects recyclables from the stadium after every game. This returns an incredible amount of plastic bottles and cups to recycling rather than having them add to our waste. You can do your part by making sure you drop your cups and bottles into the recycling containers on your way in or out of the stadium.



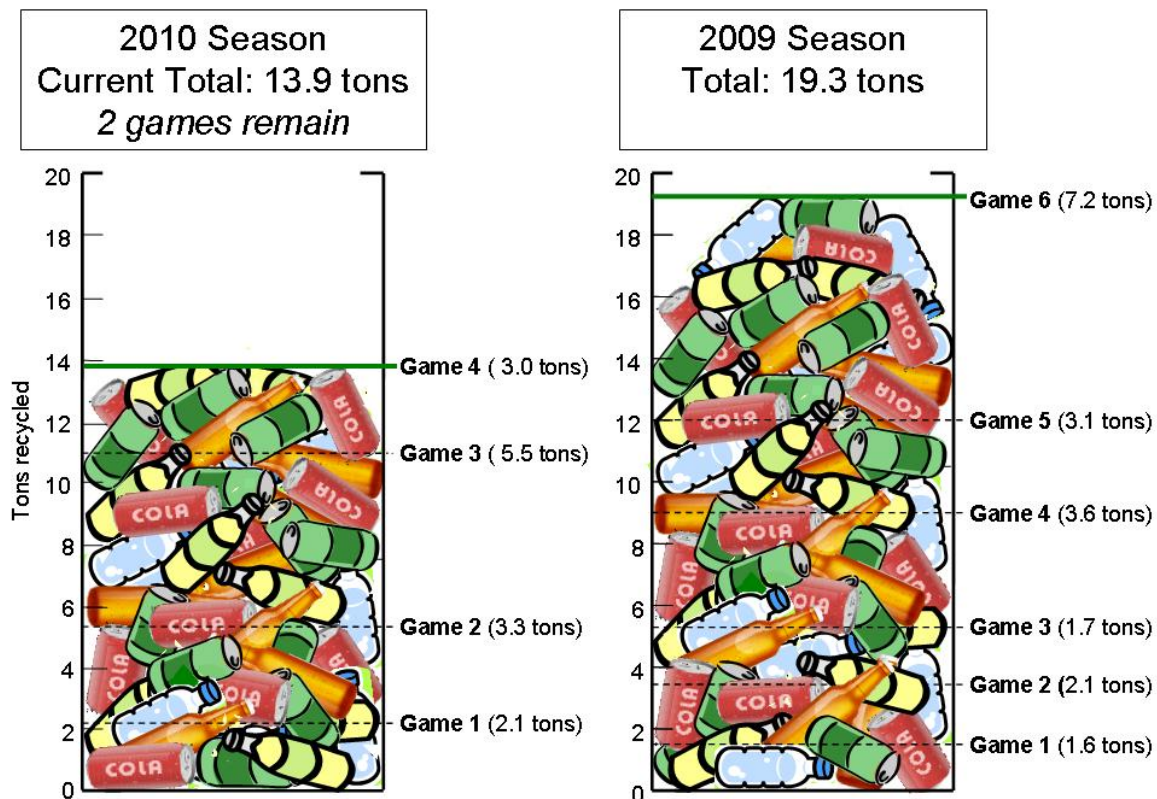
Another way that you can help Georgia Tech recycle is by making sure you put all of your aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastic bottles into the blue bags given out by the Game Day Recycling Volunteers, who are wearing the green recycling t-shirts. Our volunteers are one of the biggest reasons why Game Day Recycling is possible! Most people already know about our [Tailgater and Gatekeeper Volunteers](#). This season, however, we have started a brand new faction of volunteers – The G.R.E.A.T. Volunteers!

G.R.E.A.T. stands for Game-day Recycling Encouragement Awesome Team. It is a team of volunteers who love recycling and want everyone to know. They dress up, cheer, sing, and wield funny signs to help spread the word about the Game Day Recycling program and what you can do to help.



Lastly, without all the dedicated tailgaters, this program would not work. It is exciting to say that many tailgaters are eager for the green-shirted volunteers to come by with the blue recycling bags. Many tailgaters have even requested extra bags so they can contribute even more recyclables!

The graph below shows the Game Day Recycling statistics for the 2010 season as of October 16th, with four home games completed. So far, the Game Day Recycling tonnage is up 54% when compared with the total tonnage after the fourth home game in 2009.



Georgia Tech Receives Tree Campus USA Recognition – and 75 New Trees!

~ An invitation from Georgia Tech's Tree Campus USA Advisory Committee ~

Georgia Tech will soon be honored for its commitment to building a healthy urban forest by planting 75 new trees on campus. The Institute is part of the 2010 class of Tree Campus USA schools, a recognition program funded by Toyota and administered by the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation. Please join Georgia Tech's Tree Campus USA Advisory Committee at the November 6th tree-planting celebration to commemorate this achievement.

Be a part of this special event, which will include the planting of 75 trees on campus with the help of students, faculty, staff and community volunteers.

- Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2010
- Time:** 9:00 a.m.
- Location:** Kessler Campanile, 350 Ferst Drive
- Audience:** University administration; GA Tech faculty, students and staff; community leaders; representatives of Arbor Day and Toyota; media



Tree Campus USA recognizes the best practices in campus forestry throughout the United States. The goal of the program is to honor college campuses and leaders of their surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship. Receiving the Tree Campus USA distinction is a significant achievement that requires a considerable commitment. In order to be eligible as a Tree Campus USA school, a college or university must meet five criteria: establish a Campus Tree Advisory Committee, develop a Campus Tree Care Plan, implement a Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures, observe Arbor Day, and host a Service Learning Project. Thank you to Hyacinth Ide, Manager of Georgia Tech Landscape Services, the Landscape Services team, and Georgia Tech's Tree Campus USA Advisory Committee for your hard work!



Tara Bryant, a member of Georgia Tech's Tree Campus USA Advisory Committee says, "Please join us on this exciting day! Whether you help plant trees or simply attend to show your appreciation for GA Tech's beautiful campus and designation as a Tree Campus USA, we would love to welcome you to our event." To participate, please contact Tara Bryant at tara.bryant@gatech.edu.

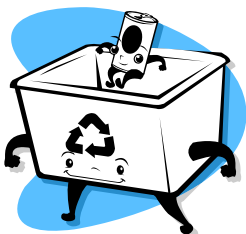
For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus USA program, please go to <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecampususa/>.

Georgia Tech 2010 Waste Diversion Statistics

The chart below shows Georgia Tech's waste diversion statistics for September 2010.

Material	Pounds Recycled
Aluminum	1,740
Cardboard	31,180
Confidentials	3,400
E-waste	28,056
Glass	2,380
Mixed Metal	12,240
Mixed Office Paper	53,480
Pallets	4,200
Plastic	3,260
Total	139,936

ASK ENVIRO-MAN



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

Question: Can I recycle batteries on campus?

Answer: Yes! Georgia Tech Environmental Health and Safety has five locations on campus where you can drop off batteries. Both single use and rechargeable batteries are acceptable. The locations are:

1. Student Center Information Desk
2. Student Center Commons - Burdell's Bookstore (Cashier Counter)
3. Library – Security Desk
4. Campus Recreation Center – Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (Back of CRC, lower level, near volleyball courts)
5. Barnes & Noble @Tech Square (Book Cashier Counter)

For more information go to <http://www.stewardship.gatech.edu/batteries.php>

Upcoming Events

"Shoes For The Souls" Charity Shoe Party

Benefitting Soles4Souls

Kre8tive Kre8tions, Atlanta, GA

Saturday, November 6, 2010

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Cost: Free admission with two pairs of shoes, or \$5 donation

DivaSassy is hosting "Shoes For The Souls," a charity shoe party benefitting Soles4Souls. The evening's highlights include: free wine tasting, \$1 dessert menu, a cash bar, door prizes and raffles, a celebrity guest, live entertainment, and more! 100% of the proceeds go to [Soles4Souls](#), a charity organization that donates shoes to adults and children in need.

GT Game Day Recycling – Volunteers Needed

Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA

Saturday, November 13 & November 20, 2010

Times vary

Volunteering for Game Day Recycling is a great way to get involved, give back to Tech, and support the Yellow Jackets! The volunteer commitment is about one hour on game day, and all volunteers are finished in time for kickoff. Volunteers receive a 100% organic cotton Game Day Recycling T-shirt, free pizza, and are entered to win great raffle prizes!

Keep Atlanta Beautiful "Race 2 Recycle"

Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA

Saturday, November 13, 2010

7:00 am – 10:00 am

Cost: \$25 registration fee

Don't miss the 4th annual Race 2 Recycle! There is a 5K race and a 1 Mile Fun Run. All runners and walkers who register by November 1 will receive a 100% organic cotton Race 2 Recycle T-shirt. Fruit and water will be provided to all race participants. Runners are encouraged to dress in costumes made from recycled and reclaimed materials!

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.