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### Recycling Tips

Many cities these days are banning the use of plastic bags in grocery stores and other shopping centers due to their [incredibly harmful impact](#) on the environment. To help decrease this impact, try using cloth/canvas bags. Already have one, but always forget to take it with you? Try keeping the bag in your vehicle or with your biking gear. **Don't have a reusable shopping bag? Pick one up for free at Earth Day 2011!**

### Earth Day is Just Around the Corner

Friday, April 22 is Earth Day, but at Georgia Tech the celebration spans an entire week. Think Green Week kicks off on Monday, April 18 with an action packed series of eco events leading up to the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday. Find out how you can make small changes to green your lifestyle in everything from fashion to food. The lineup includes documentary film screenings, a panel discussion, farmers market, fashion show, book signing, guest appearances by Captain Planet, the Bag Monster, and Reynard the Fox, a costume contest, giveaways (including a bicycle and a Nook), and more! There is something for everyone, and all events are free and open to the public. The complete schedule is listed below, and online at [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu). You can also keep up with the latest updates and announcements on the Georgia Tech Earth Day FaceBook page.




 Find us on Facebook!

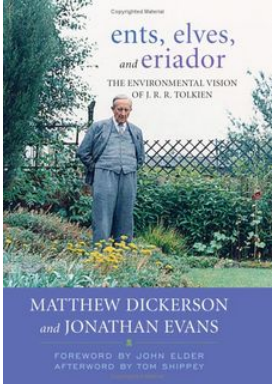
## Think Green Week Schedule

April 18-22 is Think Green Week at Georgia Tech. Mark your calendar for these informative, fun, and *free events!*


### Monday – April 18

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bag It Movie Premiere and Panel Discussion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Student Center Theater Free organic popcorn!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Plastic Bag Amnesty - Bring your stash of single use plastic bags and trade them for a free reusable tote bag!</i></p>	
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### Tuesday – April 19

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ents, Elves and Eriador: The Environmental Vision of J.R.R. Tolkien</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Signing, Book Drive, and Costume Contest! 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Student Center Commons Midtown Stage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***The best Lord of the Rings costume will win a Nook!***</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please bring gently used books to donate to charity.</i></p>	
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### Wednesday – April 20

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Crude: The Real Price of Oil</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Movie 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Instructional Center Lawn <i>Free organic popcorn!</i></p>	
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### Thursday – April 21

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Throwaway Runway</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Eco Fashion Show 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Tech Rec in the Student Center <i>Featuring designs by Bauder College students</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sustainability Bike Tour</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet at the Student Center Parking Lot 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A 9-mile, guided bike ride along the route of the proposed Atlanta streetcar, passing through several parks, with a stop at the Truly Living Well Farm.</i></p>	

### Friday – April 22

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Georgia Tech's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 am – 2:00 pm Instructional Center Walkway</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>70 informational booths, live music, free organic popcorn, free organic cotton Earth Day T-shirts, E-waste recycling, clothing swap, office supply exchange, and bike giveaway!</i></p>	
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## Don't Miss These Events at the Earth Day Celebration on April 22!

10 am - 2 pm on the Instructional Center Walkway

Live music by GT students and professors - The Rusty Boys and Dr. Dr. Mr. Md

Stop by the Farmer's Market for fresh bread and produce

Update your closet for free at the Clothing Swap

Bring your personal E-Waste for recycling

Stock up on free supplies at the Office Supply Exchange

Test your eco knowledge and pick up a free, organic Earth Day T-shirt

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## Earth Day Volunteer Opportunities

Guarantee your commemorative GT Earth Day 2011 T-shirt by volunteering at the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22. Volunteers can help set up, give out popcorn, assist booth participants, lend a hand at the office supply exchange, and many other activities. Even if you only have one hour to spare, we can use your help. It takes more than 100 volunteers to make the Earth Day Celebration a success.

More information is available at <http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/volunteers.html>. Sign up today!

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## Meet the Team

*"Meet the Team" is a monthly feature that gives you an opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the staff of the OSWM&R and learn a little more about who we are and what we do.*



Bud's recommendation for lunch? The Steamhouse Lounge (at 1051 West Peachtree Street).

### **Bud Johnson, Campus Recycling Specialist II**

*How long have you been at Georgia Tech?*

- It will be 4 years in May.

*What is the most challenging part of your job?*

- Hauling mixed office paper during spring cleaning time on campus. The average paper run each Wednesday yields more than 5 tons of paper.

*And the best part of your job?*

- I have gotten to know a lot of people over the years through participating in recycling programs such as Game Day Recycling and Earth Day. Saving the Earth and getting paid for it is a win-win!

*What is one of your biggest accomplishments?*

- I served as chairman of the Office Supply Exchange for the 2010 Earth Day Celebration. We collected \$18,000 worth of office supplies and gave away almost all of it at the Earth Day event. It was a big success and I felt proud to have been a part of it.

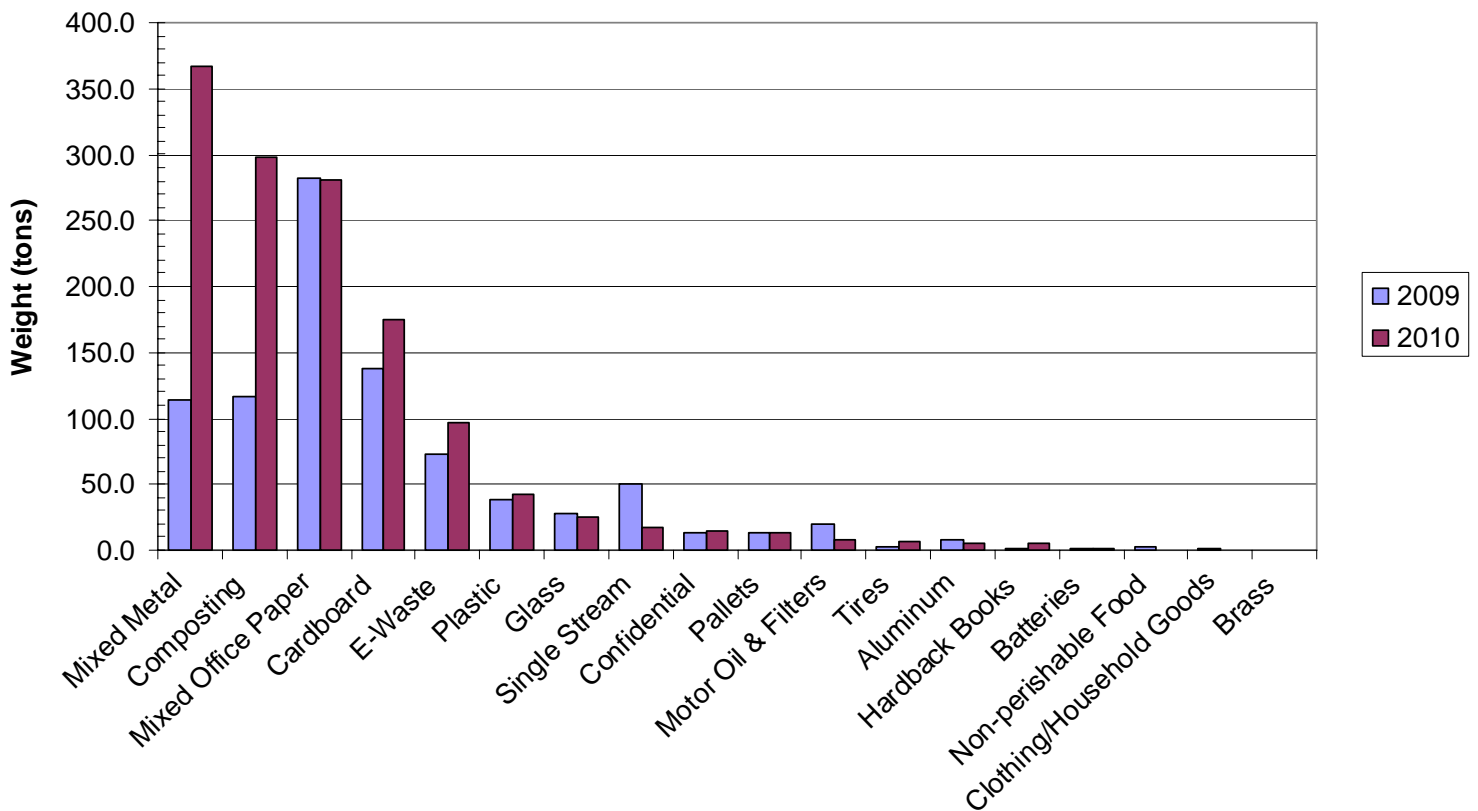
*What are your future plans?*

- I am hoping to go back to school to study computer and environmental science. I would like to one day help establish a recycling program at a school or facility that does not have one.
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## Georgia Tech 2010 Waste Diversion Statistics

The graph below shows a comparison of the recyclable, compostable, and reusable materials collected on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus in 2009 and 2010. The most dramatic increases are for mixed metals and composting. The rise in mixed metals recycling is due in large part to a renovation project at GTRI's Cobb County facility. GT Dining's food waste composting program, which was implemented in 2009, saw a dramatic expansion in 2010.

**Georgia Tech Waste Diversion Comparison 2009 – 2010**



## ASK ENVIRO-MAN

**Question:** How do I request recycling containers at a special event that I am hosting?



**Answer:** If you have an event at which you would like to have temporary recycling containers, you can request these containers on our [Special Events form](#). The service is free! Make sure you submit the request at least a week ahead of time so that we have time to prepare for delivering, setting up and collecting the containers in time for your event. This is a free service, so don't hesitate to submit your request!

Have any questions or suggestions for how we can make the recycling program even better? Visit our [website](#) or [email](#) your suggestions to us!

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

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## Upcoming Events

### [Bill Nye Visits Georgia Tech](#)

Ferst Center, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA  
Tuesday, April 12th  
7:00 pm  
Cost: \$7 - \$15

Bill Nye will be at Georgia Tech speaking on the topics of global warming, pollution and the green movement. Tickets on sale at the GT box office. Students: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door; Faculty, Staff & Guests: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

### [Earth Day Kids Fest](#)

Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, GA  
Saturday, April 16, 2011  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$8 adults, \$5 children, free for children age 2 and under

A day of fun, learning, and celebrating with hands-on activities, earth-themed arts & crafts, a green market and live music.

### [Georgia Tech Earth Day and Think Green Week](#)

GT's Atlanta Campus  
Monday-Friday, April 18-22, 2011  
Cost: Free!

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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 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](http://www.recycle.gatech.edu).