

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUZZ

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### Cell Phone Facts

- ① An estimated 250 to 300 million cell phones are being used in the U.S.
- ① The average US consumer only uses their current cell phone for 12 to 18 months.
- ① Over 70% of Americans do not know that they can recycle their old cell phone.
- ① Cell phones contain numerous substances that need to be disposed of in a safe and efficient manner.

Source: EnviroSmart



## Monthly Topic: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration 2007



Georgia Tech's Earth Day committee is busy at work planning the largest celebration in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration, scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2007, from 10am to 2pm. This year's theme is **Make A Commitment!**

Earth Day is now the centerpiece of a week-long series of environmentally friendly events:

### Think Green Events

- ❖ Monday, April 16: Organizational Sustainability Forum for Student Leaders
- ❖ Tuesday, April 17: Corporate Social Responsibility Lecture  
Film Screening, "*An Inconvenient Truth*"
- ❖ Wednesday, April 18: Sustainability Poster Session  
Al Gore, Impact Series Speaker
- ❖ Thursday, April 19: Student Appreciation Day
- ❖ Friday, April 20: **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration**
- ❖ Saturday, April 21: Tech Beautification Day

For more information: [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu)

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## Office Supply Exchange

You can donate your excess office supplies now and obtain products that you need at the upcoming Earth Day on April 20.

Here's how:

1. Gather your unused office supplies such as folders, binder clips, pens, paper etc.
2. Bring your supplies to the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling between  
**March 5 – April 6 ❖ Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**11 a.m. – 1p.m.**

(For directions, go to [www.recycle.gatech.edu/find\\_us.php](http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/find_us.php))

3. Shop for the supplies you need at Earth Day!  
**Only GA Tech students, faculty and staff may participate.**  
**BuzzCard required.**



## T-Shirt Contest



Georgia Tech Earth Day  
T-Shirt Design Contest



**\$500 Prize**

Sponsored by



Members of the GA Tech community are invited to put on their creative hats and design our Earth Day T-shirt displaying our theme **Make A Commitment!** The contest ends **March 25 at midnight**. For guidelines on submitting your entry go to the Earth Day website at [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu).

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## Environmental Leadership Award



*Cindy Jackson, Recycling Manager and Carol Carmichael, Director of ISTD, 2006 ELA winner*

If you know someone within the Georgia Tech community (*student, faculty, staff, alumni, retiree*) who is a **LEADER** in:

- ❖ **Recycling**
- ❖ **Clean Air Initiatives**
- ❖ **Water Conservation**
- ❖ **Pollution Control**
- ❖ **Other Environmental Issues**

Nominate him or her for the 2007 Georgia Tech Earth Day Environmental Leadership Award. Self nominations also accepted. **Submission deadline is March 31, 2007.**

The winner will receive an award at a special presentation during the Earth Day celebration on April 20. For an application, visit our website at [www.earthday.gatech.edu/leadership.html](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/leadership.html).

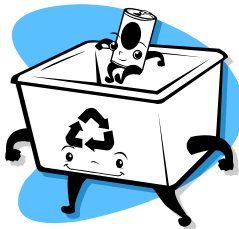
## Toner Cartridge & Cell Phone Donation



GA Tech is finalizing plans to roll out its new Toner Cartridge and Cell Phone Donation program in cooperation with the Bobby Dodd Institute. Phase I of the program will include 12 buildings on campus: Architecture I, Architecture II, Architecture Annex, BME, Cherry Emerson, ES&T, IB2, Klaus, Office of the President, Procurement Services, Student Services and Van Leer.

The program will provide a simple three-step process for faculty, staff and students to dispose of their work and personal toner cartridges as well as personal cell phones. For further details on this program, visit our website at [www.recycle.gatech.edu/toner\\_cartridges1.php](http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/toner_cartridges1.php).

## Ask Enviro-Man



**Question:** Hi Enviro-Man, I'm a new GA Tech employee and my department has some confidential documents that need to be shredded. How can we recycle and not waste that paper? MB

**Answer:** Well, a great big Tech "Welcome" to you MB! I'm proud to say that we here at GA Tech take recycling very seriously. When a department has documents to shred they can follow these simple steps: 1. Pack up all material in boxes, seal them and mark "Confidential" on them 2. Call the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling at 404-385-0088 and place a request for the confidential boxes to be picked up. A maximum of 25 boxes are permitted. 3. Your boxes will be picked up by the OSWMR and taken off campus by a certified vendor for shredding.

Keep Recycling! Enviro-Man

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## Mixed Office Paper Stats for February 2007

28.74 tons of mixed office paper were recycled for the month of February 2007. Let's make this is 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 – March 2007

<a href="#">20<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Recycling Conference</a> Orange Beach, AL March 11-14
<a href="#">WasteTech Landfill Technology Conference</a> Miami, FL March 12-13
<a href="#">NESEA's Building Energy 07 Conference</a> March 13-15 Boston, MA
<a href="#">2007 East Tennessee Environmental Conference</a> Eastport, TN March 15-16
<a href="#">EIA 2007: Racing Into the Future of Environmental Solutions</a> Charlotte, NC March 17-21
<a href="#">22<sup>nd</sup> Int'l Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management</a> Philadelphia, PA March 18-21
<a href="#">Paying for Sustainable Water Infrastructure: Innovations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</a> Atlanta, GA March 21-23
<a href="#">The SoL Forum on Business Innovation for Sustainability</a> Atlanta, GA March 27-30

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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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### Visit our website

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

Also for information on Earth Day 2007 visit [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu)

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