

THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUZZ

Because we care

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- / Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water!
- / Americans use more than 67 million tons of paper per year, or about 580 pounds per person.
- / Paper products make up the largest part (approximately 40 percent) of our trash.
- / Making recycled paper instead of new paper uses 64 percent less energy and uses 58 percent less water.
- / Every day American businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth 20 times!

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RCP Monthly



With the campus all abuzz, and all the students moved in, we are surprised by the amount of cardboard still being recycled! After all of the temporary cardboard containers (brought in for student move-in week) were removed from campus, our regular sites have continually been filled. We want to thank everyone that is participating in the recycling program, and especially all of you that are getting the word out about the available locations on campus to recycle. If you are unsure about where to take your recyclables, just visit our website for maps to the main recycling sites.

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Tips for Shopping Responsibly

When you go shopping for groceries, home or office supplies, ask yourself... What is the product made of? Do I really need it? How is it packaged? Can the packaging be reused or recycled? Here are some tips to reduce the amount of packaging you will eventually throw away:



Avoid styrofoam!

- Buy concentrated and bulk items.
- Look for compatible items with less packaging.
- Select reusable products over one-time use products.
- Refuse bags when making small purchases, such as soda, gum and candy.
- Carry your own cloth or string bags for your groceries, and leave the plastic at the store.
- Washable cloth napkins will reduce the amount of water, soaps/detergents, and trash waste.
- Buy drinks in bottles, instead of drink boxes made of layers of paper, plastic and aluminum that can not be recycled.

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Mixed Office Paper Statistics for the Month of September

25.92 tons of Mixed Office Paper were recycled in September, bringing our yearly total up to **163.03 tons!**

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Yogurt Cup Recycling

You may have seen commercials asking people to mail their yogurt tops to the manufacturing company, and in return they will donate money to charitable organizations. If you return your tops, why not recycle the container too? Stonyfield Farm makes organic yogurt and other products. Their partner, Recycline, turns the recycled yogurt cups into toothbrushes. The great part of their program is that you can return any brand of yogurt cup to Stonyfield. So, don't throw away that empty cup today, it could be a toothbrush tomorrow!

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Upcoming Events



TITLE: [WEFTEC 2005](#)
DATE: Oct. 29, 2005 - Nov. 2, 2005
LOCATION: Washington, DC

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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.

Also visit www.earthday.gatech.edu for information on Earth Day 2006!

For upcoming events outside the United States, visit <http://www.environmental-center.com/events.asp>.

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