

THE RECYCLING BUZZ

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Gas Conservation Ideas

- ◆ *Keep car speed at or below 60 mph.*
- ◆ *Combine trips as much as possible.*
- ◆ *Car pool or use public transportation whenever possible.*
- ◆ *Keep vehicle maintenance up to date.*
- ◆ *Limit the use of air condition while driving.*

Monthly Topic: Student Move Out 2008

This year's Student Move Out was well coordinated due to the hard work and joint efforts of the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling (OSWM&R), Housing, Allied Waste Management and Landscape Services. All of the food, clothing, household items and electronic waste collected by OSWM&R was recycled or redistributed to nonprofits in Atlanta such as Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta Union Mission and Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children.

Mixed office paper as well as electronic appliances were also collected and recycled through GA Tech vendors Atlanta Recycling Solutions and American Office Paper. Following is a summary of the items that were collected and reused or recycled as a result of Student Move Out 2008.

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Statistics From Student Move Out 2008

Food & Non Perishable Items	Electronics	Mixed Office Paper	Clothing & Household Items
			
10 Barrels 590 pounds	1 Monitor 1 Scanner 3 TV's 1 CPU 1 Printer 1 Game Control 629 pounds	25 Containers 5,000 pounds	55 Boxes 1,815 pounds

Student Move Out: Three-Year Comparison

ITEM CATEGORY	2006	2007	2008
Mixed Office Paper	6,120 lbs/3.06 tons	8,550 lbs/4.27 tons	5,000 lbs/2.5 tons
Electronics	826 lbs/.41 tons	767 lbs/.38 tons	629 lbs/.31 tons
Food & Non Perishable Items	955 lbs/.48 tons	841 lbs/.42 tons	590 lbs/.295 tons
Clothing & Household Goods	2,235 lbs/1.12 tons	1,920 lbs/.872 tons	1,815 lbs/.907 tons

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Klaus Building Recycling Alcove Design Project



The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling is proud to announce its Recycling Alcove Design Project in the Klaus Advanced Computing Building. Klaus is one of Georgia Tech's buildings which includes a number of sustainable features and has achieved the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Gold Certification. This is also the first building on campus to include Recycling alcoves in its design.

So far, two of the five alcoves have been designed. The first floor features a cartoon collage summary of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss which tells a story about the dangers of pollution. The second floor alcove focuses on Ecosystems/Ecodangers and showcases the maps of six continents with emphasis on ecodangers in major countries.

The Recycling department commissioned Tara Bryant, a Georgia Tech Earth and Atmospheric Science major, to design the alcoves. "We are

overjoyed to have Tara conceptualize and then design each of these alcoves. She is a very creative young lady and just shows the breath of talent that Tech has in its student body," said Cindy Jackson OSWM&R Manager. The department invites everyone to visit the two completed alcoves in the Klaus Building and stay tuned for the next three!

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ASK ENVIRO-MAN!



Question: Hi Enviro-Man, I keep getting stacks of catalogs in the mail! I don't know how they get my address and there's no way to call the publishers and ask them to stop mailing them. How can I stop the deluge of paper? Thanks, Ginny.

Answer: Howdy Ginny! I've got the perfect solution! Go to the Catalog Choice an online service that tells merchants to stop mailing those catalogs to you. You can register at www.catalogchoice.org and choose "decline."

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

Recycle Your Old Analog TV



Many of us who own analog TV sets will have to make a decision on February 17, 2009 when the transition to digital transmission will take effect. The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) predicts that 25 percent of the old TV sets will be recycled. Following are some options for recycling your old analog TV set.

1. Go online to the CEA's website at www.mygreenelectronics.org or www.earth911.org. Type in your zip code and a list of area recycling centers will appear with addresses and phone numbers.
2. Contact the U.S. Environmental Recycling Hotline at 1-800-253-2687 and see if you live in an area where residential collection of E-Waste is provided.
3. Contact your TV set manufacturer or retailer, or go to www.epa.gov/rcc/plugin for a list of companies that will provide E-Waste recycling for TV sets.
4. Contact Atlanta Recycling Solutions at 678-566-6665 to obtain their schedule for E-Waste Recycling events. Please note that there is a \$10 processing fee charged by Atlanta Recycling Solutions for recycling TV sets.

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Mixed Office Paper Stats for May 2008

25.8 tons of mixed office paper were recycled for the month of May 2008. 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 – July 2008

How to Develop a Waste Management Site Plan Birmingham, AL July 3
Environmental Compliance Bootcamp Williamsburg, VA July 14-18
Creating and Sustaining a Strong Safety Culture Houston, TX July 21-22
Developing Effective Operations and Maintenance Knoxville, TN July 21-22

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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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