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Recycling Tips

Do you have a pair of worn-out athletic shoes that you don't wear anymore? How about electronics that you're not sure what to do with? Bring your old sneakers and personal E-waste to Georgia Tech's 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 20th (10 am – 3 pm) on Tech Walk and they will be recycled! For more information, please visit the Georgia Tech [Earth Day Website](#).

Earth Day is Just Around the Corner

Georgia Tech celebrates Earth Day with an entire week of green events. Think Green Week kicks off on Monday, April 16 with an action packed series of eco events leading up to the 15th annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 20. Find out how you can make small changes to green your lifestyle in everything from fashion to food. The lineup includes a water resources symposium, documentary film screenings, a panel discussion, farmers market, eco-art show, extreme bike expo, outdoor fitness classes, live musical performances, guest appearances by Captain Planet and Reynard the Fox, 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. 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 16-20 is Think Green Week at Georgia Tech. Mark your calendar for these informative, fun, and *free events* that culminate with the 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 20th from 10am-3pm on Tech Walk!

Georgia Tech Earth Day's

THINK GREEN WEEK

"Helluva GREENgineer!"



Water Resources Symposium
Presented by the GTHAN and GT Water Alliance, the symposium features a panel on stormwater and conservation, followed by a career fair at 3pm for hydrology/engineering opportunities!
11am-5pm, Alumni Association Ballroom
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Get Outside Day
Take a break from the office, classroom, or lab, and get outside! Enjoy free yoga and kickboxing, picnic lunches, free frisbees, a walk with GT Trailblazers & Sunshine!
11am-1pm, Tech Walk



Eco Documentary Festival
3pm: "Grow"- A look at organic farming in Georgia, followed by Director's Panel
5pm: "Tapped"- Explore the environmental impact of the bottled water industry
3-7pm, Student Center Theater

Clean Energy Speaker Series
Join an outstanding discussion on how clean energy and clean technology continue to play increasingly significant roles in meeting future energy needs
12:30-2pm, Hodges Rm, Centergy Building
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Bike Day
Whether you're coming on bike or on foot, bike day has something for you. Get free bike repairs, take a bike tour of Georgia Tech, or check out the wacky bike expo!
11am-1pm, Tech Walk



Going Green Panel
The SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES Panel, will feature Georgia Tech Professor Marilyn Brown, and is part of the Blended Research @ the Library series
2pm, Neely Lobby, GT Library
Brought to you by 

Earth Day!
Live Music, Clothing Swaps, Free T-shirts, E-waste Collection, Green Market, Renewable Energy Challenge, Alternative Fuel Vehicles & more!
10am-3pm, Tech Walk



April 16-20, 2012
www.earthday.gatech.edu



Helluva GREENgineer
15th Annual Celebration





Wednesday, April 18: See *Grow!* and *Tapped* at the documentary film festival.



Thursday, April 19: Take a bike tour of campus sustainability projects.



Friday, April 20: Don't miss the 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration!

Earth Day Volunteer Opportunities

Guarantee your commemorative GT Earth Day 2012 T-shirt by volunteering at the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 20. 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 200 volunteers to make the Earth Day Celebration a success. All volunteers receive a free 100% organic cotton Earth Day T-shirt.

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

Get Caught Green Handed!

During Think Green Week, April 16-20, members of the Earth Day Planning Committee will be giving out raffle tickets to Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff who they see taking action to help the planet. It could be something as simple as recycling, taking a reusable mug to get coffee, or riding your bicycle on campus. If you get caught “Green-Handed” you will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Schwinn cruiser bicycle at the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 20. You do not need to be present to win; the committee members giving out tickets will ask for your contact information so that we can notify you if you win.

Get caught “Green-Handed” during Think Green week and you could win a Schwinn cruiser, courtesy of Midtown Target.



Georgia Tech Waste Diversion Statistics

In 2011, Georgia Tech recycled 122,000 pounds of electronic waste (E-waste). This includes state-owned property, such as retired equipment from the computer labs on campus, as well as personal E-waste that students, faculty, and staff have brought from home.

You can recycle your E-waste during Georgia Tech’s annual Earth Day Celebration!

More than 3,200 pounds of E-waste were collected in just four hours during the 2011 event. The 2012 Earth Day Celebration is on Friday, April 20, from 10 am to 3 pm. If you have any obsolete electronics collecting dust at home, bring them with you and they will be recycled by Atlanta Recycling Solutions. There will be a drop-off table located on Tech Walk, for those on foot who are dropping off small items. If you have items in your vehicle, the Zone 9 visitor parking lot will be used as an E-waste drop off area during the Earth Day Celebration. There is a \$10 suggested donation for televisions, to cover the cost of recycling them, but all other accepted items can be dropped off free of charge. See the [Earth Day Website](#) for a complete list of accepted items.

ASK ENVIRO-MAN



Question: What is the largest tree on Georgia Tech’s Atlanta campus?

Answer: It is an oak tree located in the triangular grassy area between the Student Center Commons and the Skiles Classroom Building. The next time you are walking on Tech Walk, keep an eye out – you can’t miss it!

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

Upcoming Events

[Earth Day Kids Fest](#)

Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, GA

Saturday, April 14, 2012

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. Ride your bike from home and get in free!

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

GT's Atlanta Campus

Monday-Friday, April 16-20, 2012

Cost: Free!

Think Green Week is Monday, April 16 – Friday, April 20. Don't miss this weeklong series of free environmental events leading up to the 15th annual Earth Day Celebration on April 20!

[Atlanta Dogwood Festival](#)

Piedmont Park, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, 2012

Cost: Free!

The Dogwoods are in full bloom, and hundreds of artists from around the country will set up their tents in Piedmont Park for the 76th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival. An Atlanta staple for more than 75 years, there is something for everyone at the festival. Virtually every kind of art imaginable is represented at the festival, with a nationally renowned, juried Fine Artist Market that includes sculpture, paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, and much more.

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.