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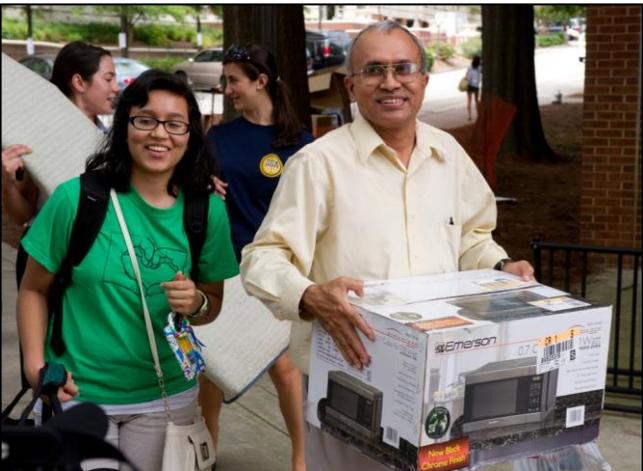
Recycling Tips

It can often be difficult to determine the proper way to dispose of unused or expired medicines. Many people simply leave them in a drawer or cabinet. Now, both over-the-counter and prescription medicines can be safely disposed of on campus. Georgia Tech's Police Department (GTPD) has installed a MedReturn drop box in the lobby at the GTPD headquarters on Hemphill Avenue. [Click here for more information.](#)

Recycle Cardboard During Student Move In

August is here, signaling the start of a new school year. One of the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling's (OSWM&R) most successful recycling initiatives takes place during student move-in. Before classes start on August 18th, more than 8,000 students will be moving into the campus residence halls. It is a hectic time, and students have a lot of questions. One question that we take care of for you is 'What do I do with all of those moving boxes?'

During move in, the OSWM&R sets up 20 temporary recycling sites throughout residential areas, making it convenient for students and their families to recycle their cardboard boxes. Look for sites marked off with orange construction fencing, and simply drop your empty cardboard boxes on the ground inside the enclosure. Moving boxes are accepted, as well as the boxes that your new electronics and appliances come in. No plastic wrap or Styrofoam, please!



Game Day Recycling – 2014 Season Preview



Georgia Tech's Game Day Recycling program is gearing up for its 7th season, which kicks off on Saturday, August 30th at the GT vs. Wofford game. Football games bring thousands of people onto campus and generate tons of trash. The Game Day Recycling program makes it convenient for fans to recycle plastic bottles, glass bottles, and aluminum cans during home football games and tailgates.

If you are tailgating, simply place your bottles and cans in the blue bags that will be given out by volunteers, then leave the bags on the ground. They will be picked up by Georgia Tech's Recycling staff the following morning. Recycling bins will also be set up in and around Bobby Dodd Stadium.

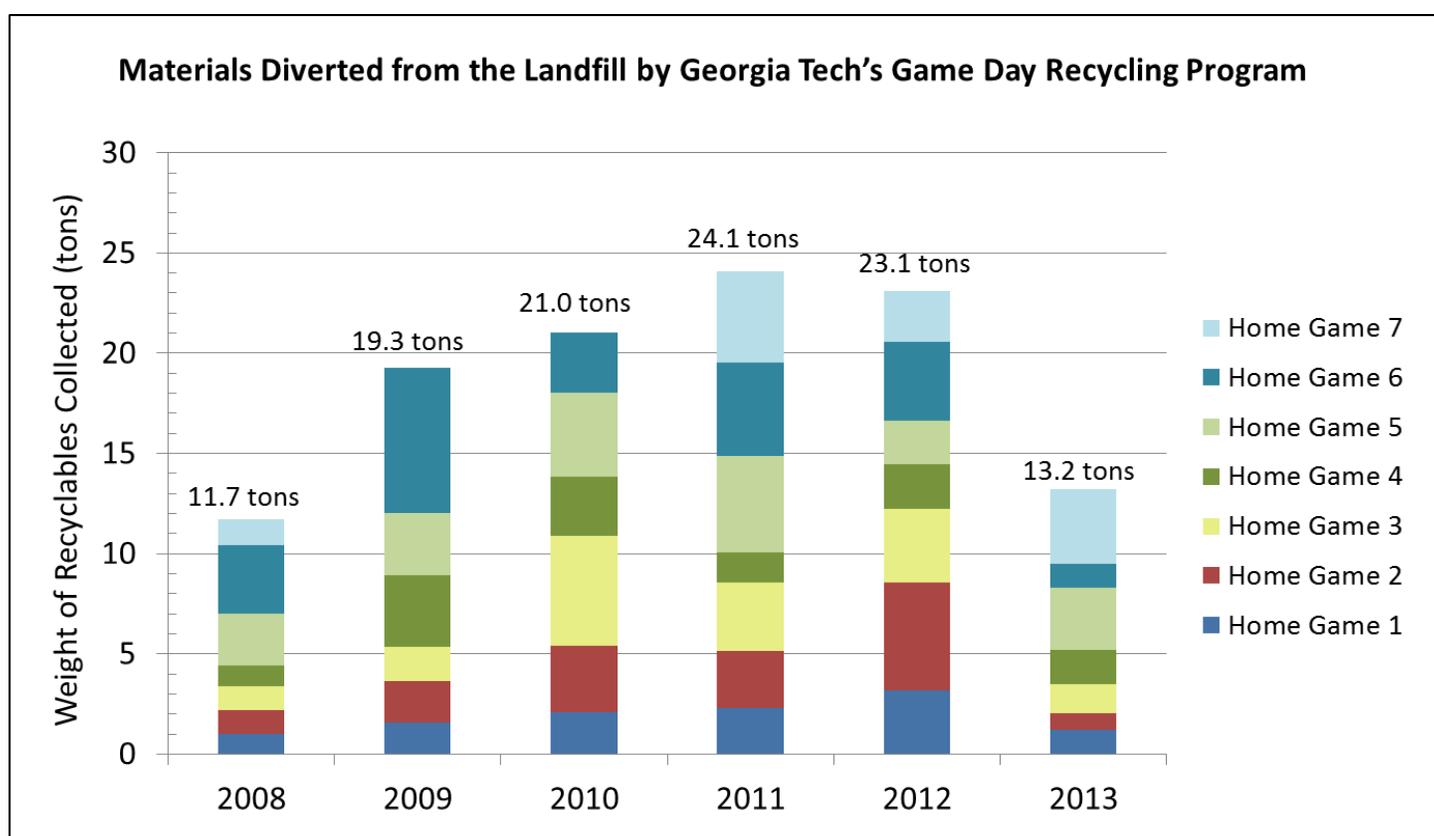
Volunteer Registration is Now Open!

It takes many people to reach out to the 40,000 or more fans who attend each game. Volunteers are the main reason the Game Day Recycling program is so successful. You can help by distributing blue bags to tailgaters or greeting fans as they go into the stadium. The commitment is typically an hour or less, and all volunteers are finished by the start of the game. All volunteers receive a free T-shirt. For more information and to sign up please go to www.recycle.gatech.edu/volunteer.



Game Day Recycling Results

The graph below shows the weight of materials diverted from the landfill during each of Georgia Tech's home football games and tailgates since the Game Day Recycling program began in 2008. To date, the program has diverted 112.4 tons of material from the landfill.



You can connect with Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling on [Facebook](#).



Georgia Tech Places First in the ACC for Waste Minimization

The Game Day Challenge is an annual, nationwide recycling competition for colleges and universities. During the fall football season, participating schools complete recycling and waste reduction activities during home football games and tailgates, and report the results on the Game Day Challenge website. Awards are given in five categories: Recycling, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Organics Reduction, Diversion Rate, and Waste Minimization. Schools compete within their own athletic conference.

In the 2013 competition, Georgia Tech placed 1st in the ACC for Waste Minimization. Cindy Jackson, Associate Director for the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, accepted the award on Georgia Tech's behalf at the 4th Annual Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit in Boulder, Colorado in June 2014. Georgia Tech will be participating in the 2014 Game Day Challenge. If you are planning to attend home football games this fall, make sure to participate in the Game Day Recycling Program to help Georgia Tech place again this year!



Georgia Tech Athletic Association Expands Recycling Program

Building occupants and visitors of the Arthur B. Edge, Jr., Intercollegiate Athletics Center can now recycle plastic, aluminum cans, and mixed office paper. The OSWM&R has installed four recycling stations in the building (two each on the ground floor and first floor). One of the ground-floor stations is pictured to the right. Smaller recycling stations will be installed by the elevator on the second and third floor, for a total of six recycling stations in the building. Each of the approximately eighty employees also received a desk-side recycling bin to facilitate the collection of recyclables.



ASK ENVIRO-MAN

Question: Is it possible to recycle sneakers on campus besides at the annual Earth Day Celebration in April?



Answer: Yes, you can drop off clothes, shoes and household textiles (regardless of condition) year-round at the USAgain bin at the [East Campus Recycling Center](#). Items that are in good condition are reused, and items that are not usable are recycled. Household textiles include blankets, sheets, towels, tablecloths, and similar items. USAgain does not accept mattresses, furniture, carpet, toys or trash. For additional information, please go to <http://www.usagain.com/collection-bins>.



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

Upcoming Events

[Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling Volunteers Needed](#)

Georgia Tech's Atlanta Campus

Saturday, August 30, 2014 (10:00 – 11:00 am or 11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Volunteer registration is now open for the 2014 football season and the Game Day Recycling program needs your help! Please join us to help give out blue recycling bags to tailgaters, or greet fans as they go into the Stadium. The volunteer commitment is just one hour and all volunteers will be finished in time for kickoff.

Volunteers receive a free T-shirt as well as refreshments or a concessions voucher. Please go to http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/programs/gdr/gdr_volunteer_info.php for more information and to sign up.

[Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable](#)

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall

634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, September 5, 2014 (7:30 – 9:00 am)

Cost: \$10 - \$20, includes continental breakfast and beverage

Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes each month to discuss the region's current environmental issues – from water to energy, urban planning to government policy, and much more. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. The September roundtable will consist of a walking tour of the Atlanta BeltLine. Space is limited, so advance registration is required. The cost is \$10 for students. For non-students the cost is \$15 for advance purchase and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 am for networking. The walking tour is from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

[Keep Atlanta Beautiful – Community Recycling Center](#)

320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

September 13, 2014 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

2nd Saturday of each month

Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Creative Recycling Solutions host a monthly recycling drive for household electronic waste, polystyrene foam, latex paint, and paper. Free, secure paper shredding is now available courtesy of Iron Mountain. Personal computers, monitors, stereos, microwaves, vacuums, telephones, keyboards, mice, printers, and scanners are accepted free of charge. There is a \$10 fee for televisions, cash only. For a complete list of accepted items, go to http://www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org/?page_id=77.

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.