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Recycling Tips

According to the [EPA](#), Americans generate 34 million tons of food waste each year. About two-thirds of this amount is spoiled or out-of-date food that is thrown out. You can use these 5 [tips from Earth911.com](#) to reduce food waste in your home and save money at the same time.

Georgia Tech Earth Day 2015

Save the date! Georgia Tech's 18th Annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Tech Walk. Our theme is "Small Choices, Big Impact".



Earth Day Design Contest Now Open: \$500 Prize!

This is your chance to design the artwork for Georgia Tech's 18th Annual Earth Day Celebration. The winning design will be featured on the 2015 Earth Day T-shirts and on marketing materials leading up to the event. The contest is open to the entire Georgia Tech community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees). Visit <http://www.earthday.gatech.edu/t-shirt.html> for design criteria and contest rules. The deadline to submit an entry is Sunday, November 16th at 11:59 PM.



Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff are invited to join the Earth Day Planning Committee.

You can help make sure that the 2015 Earth Day Celebration is the biggest and best one yet! Please join us at our next meeting, on Tuesday, October 21st from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Clough Commons (CULC), room 125. For more information about the Earth Day Celebration, visit www.earthday.gatech.edu or contact Cindy Jackson at (404) 894-2004 or cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu.

Game Day Recycling Update

The Game Day Recycling program's 7th season is off to a great start! We are averaging 4.1 tons of recyclable materials collected per game, for an overall recycling rate of 26% on game days. There are still two more home games remaining this season, so this could very well be our best season yet! Since the program began in 2008, 128.8 tons of material have been diverted from the landfill.



Home Game #1: August 31 (vs. Wofford)
 Attendance: 45,403
 Kickoff Time: 12:30 PM
 Amount Recycled: 3.14 tons



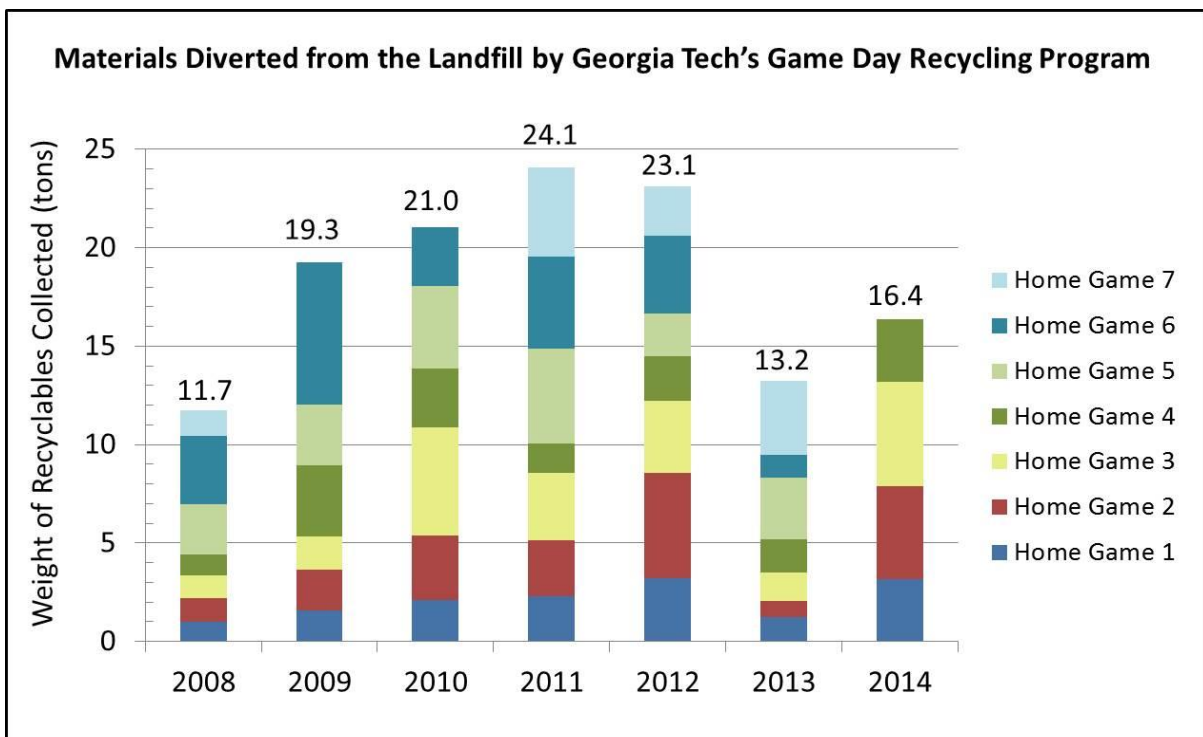
Home Game #2: September 13 (vs. Ga Southern)
 Attendance: 53,173
 Kickoff Time: 12:00 PM
 Amount Recycled: 4.76 tons



Home Game #3: October 4 (vs. Miami)
 Attendance: 52,221
 Kickoff Time: 7:30 PM
 Amount Recycled: 5.30 tons



Home Game #4: October 11 (vs. Duke)
 Attendance: 44,281
 Kickoff Time: 12:30 PM
 Amount Recycled: 3.18 tons



Campus Sustainability Spotlight: Georgia Tech Dining Services

When you serve thousands of meals every day, even small changes have the potential to make a big impact. From sourcing local and organic ingredients to minimizing food waste, Georgia Tech Dining Services is committed to sustainability throughout its operations. Some initiatives are very visible to customers, for example: swapping out plastic clamshells for to-go containers made of pressed paper, whereas other changes, such as switching to energy efficient appliances and lighting, happen behind the scenes. Dining Services' sustainability initiatives are guided by The Better Tomorrow Plan, which includes 18 commitments focusing on four key priorities: health, planet, community and people.



Sustainable Sourcing and Packaging

Many exciting changes are taking place at dining locations across campus. In the Student Center Food Court, plastic clamshells have been replaced with compostable options. Simply To Go products, such as fresh fruit and yogurt, are served in compostable greenware. To-go cutlery in the Food Court is now compostable, and is no longer individually wrapped in plastic. Campus dining locations, including Woodruff Dining Hall, Dunkin Donuts, Chick-Fil-A, and Starbucks, serve sustainably farmed, Fair Trade certified coffee. Dunkin Donuts has switched from polystyrene foam to paper cups for small, medium, and large hot beverages. Chick-fil-A has also switched to paper coffee cups, and is on the wait list for paper cups for cold beverages. Soon, the only polystyrene foam cups remaining at campus dining locations will be XL cups at Dunkin Donuts and milkshake cups at Chick-fil-A. The reason they will remain is that the companies don't yet offer an alternative product.



Sunshine Farms, one of the produce vendors at Georgia Tech's weekly Farmers Market.

Farmers Market

Georgia Tech's fall semester [Farmers Market](#) is every Thursday, through November 20th, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Tech Walk. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase fresh, local food and beverages right here on campus! This semester, the Farmers Market is averaging 14 vendors each week, and local produce is available at each market from Sunshine Farms and Mercier Orchard.

Campus Kitchens Project

The Campus Kitchens Project enables Georgia Tech to take excess high-quality, safe food from dining locations on campus and donate it to community partners. The food is brought to Brittain Dining Hall where trained volunteers meet on Friday afternoons at 3:30 PM to prepare individual meals. If there is additional food after the meals are packaged, it is donated in bulk. Community partners, which receive the donated food, are coordinated by the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Community partners request a certain number of meals each week and are matched up with groups that provide the food. Currently, Georgia Tech's Campus Kitchens group prepares 150-200 meals per week for recipients in the Atlanta area.



Stop Hunger

Stop Hunger is an annual fundraiser that benefits the Atlanta Community Food Bank. In 2013, Georgia Tech raised \$1,751 in just two weeks! This year the fundraiser will span five weeks, so Dining Services is hoping to raise even more. From now through November 15th, you have the option to donate to the Stop Hunger drive when you visit campus dining locations. Donations are accepted in increments of \$1, and can be made with BuzzFunds, Faculty/Staff Dining Dollars, Student Dining Dollars, or a major credit card. You can make a donation at any Georgia Tech Dining register, including the Student Center/Commons; North Avenue, Brittain, and Woodruff Dining Halls; and the Clough Starbucks. (Wing Zone and Highland Bakery are unable to accept donations).

Upcoming Events

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

Georgia Tech's Atlanta Campus

Saturday, November 1st and Saturday, November 15th (*Times Vary*)

Volunteer registration is now open for the 2014 football season and the Game Day Recycling program needs your help! Please join us prior to each home game 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 pizza or a concessions voucher. For more information and to sign up, please go to http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/programs/gdr/gdr_volunteer_info.php.

[Georgia Tech Farmers Market](#)

Tech Walk, between the Student Center and Clough Commons

Thursdays, until November 20, 2014 (*11:00 am – 2:00 pm*)

The Georgia Tech Student Center and Georgia Tech Dining Services have partnered to bring local, sustainable food to the Georgia Tech community's fingertips. The weekly farmers market features a variety of local vendors who provide a plethora of fantastic produce and value added products.

This market not only allows students to stock up on sustainable and healthy food, it also provides them a chance to interact with local farmers and support Georgia's economy. Opportunities like this market help make Tech's community an active and educated part of the local food system.

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

320 Irwin St. Atlanta, GA

2nd Saturday of each month

Upcoming dates: November 10, 2014 (*10:00 am – 3:00 pm*)

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. A complete list of accepted items is available at: <http://www.keeptatlantabeautiful.org/community-recycling-centers/>

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.