

THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUZZ

Because we care

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↑ In Britain, over 9 million "nappies", or disposable diapers, are used every day.

↑ The highest point in Ohio is said to be "Mount Rumpke," which is a "mountain" made up of trash at a sanitary landfill!

↑ More than 1/3 of all fiber used to make paper comes from recycled paper.

↑ Every Sunday, Americans waste 90 percent of recyclable newspapers, which equals approximately 500,000 trees!

↑ Two weeks of daily newspapers equals one full-grown tree.

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Monthly Topic

Christmas Tree Recycling



With the holiday season under full swing we have shopping lists, gifts and food on our minds. After you have enjoyed all of the holiday festivities, and you start putting away your precious ornaments, you may ask yourself "what am I going to do with my tree?" This year, bring one for the chipper! There are many locations throughout the metropolitan area that will take your tree, and run it through a chipper to create mulch for playgrounds, community areas, and beautification projects. The partners of [Keep Georgia Beautiful](#) have coordinated efforts to recycle all of our living holiday trees. If you want to find out where to take your tree, visit [Earth 911](#) or call 1-800-

CLEANUP. You can also contact your local recycling center to volunteer your services during this busy season.

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Environmental Tips

This holiday season try some new tricks to reduce, reuse and recycle:

Purchase rechargeable batteries instead of disposable, they will last a lot longer!

When shopping, carry your own reusable bags, and leave their plastic bags at the store.

Give gift cards this year, you won't have to buy wrapping items, and they can choose the gift they want!

Having a party? Turn down your heat before guests arrive, the body heat generated will keep everyone toasty!

Buy an artificial tree, instead of cutting down a live tree; if you must have a live tree, make sure to recycle or replant!

Resist the high gloss foil wrapping, it can't be recycled, use paper, buy recycled wrapping paper or use newspaper comics.

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Mixed Office Paper Statistics

November

5.4 tons of Mixed Office Paper were recycled during the month of November, bringing our yearly total up to **254.83 tons!**

Reminder

The paper pick up schedule will be abbreviated during this holiday season. Please be sure to have your recyclable mixed office paper ready for pick up on the following dates: (**all Wednesdays**) December 7, December 14, and December 21.

The regular weekly schedule will resume on **Wednesday, January 11, 2006.**

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Recycle Your Long Underwear!

Turning Old Clothing Into New Cloth Material

When you are putting away your new clothes this season, recycle some old worn items. Since September 12, 2005, [Patagonia, Inc.](#) (makers of outdoor sporting garments) has been recycling their base-layers and long underwear, into new fiber. Their 'Common Threads Recycling Program' sends donated garments to their sister company, the [Teijin Group](#), to breakdown the fabric and produce new polyester fiber. Through this process they reduce energy use by 76% and carbon dioxide emissions by 71%, when compared with making new raw material.



For information on recycled clothing visit:

[Clothes Made From Scrap](#)

[Eco Bags Products, Inc.](#)

[Recycled Products](#)

[Jimtex Yarns](#)

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Upcoming Events

December 3, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Hall County Computer & Electronics Collection Event
Gainesville, GA

For details contact [Rick Foote](#) at 770-535-8284 or visit [Hall County](#).

December 6 – 10, 2005
National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition
Charlotte, NC

For details, call (202) 626-3000, email info@nlc.org or visit www.nlc.org.

For upcoming events all around the United States, and other countries, visit <http://www.environmental-center.com/events.asp>.

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

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