

THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUZZ



Because we care

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- ⌘ The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970
- ⌘ Senator Gaylord Nelson was the catalyst that inspired President Kennedy to take a conservation tour
- ⌘ On the first Earth Day Congress adjourned for the day so members could attend events in their districts.
- ⌘ Approximately 20 million people participated in the demonstration known as Earth Day in 1970

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Letter from the Editor

First of all I want to thank each and every one of you for making 2005 the best year ever for the Department of Solid Waste Management & Recycling. We recycled 625 tons of material; during the Student Fall Move Out we diverted clothing, shoes, bedding and 1,180 lbs. of non-perishable food from the landfill, which was donated to various charitable organizations in Atlanta; our Earth Day event was considered the premier environmental event in the city and we continued our efforts to promote the purchasing of recycled content office supplies through our Green Purchasing program. Without the support of the GA Tech campus community we could not have achieved so much.

That said I do need your help with a problem that has been on the increase. Contamination. It is essential that we deliver clean streams of material to our processors. When we haul a load of recyclable material to a vendor, for example – glass bottles, the vendor sorts through all of the material and removes anything that does not belong, such as plastic bottles. On occasion a load may contain more than the acceptable amount of contamination, in which case the vendor will refuse the load. We appreciate your participation in the recycling program but please make sure that you put your recyclables in the correct container.

Let's try and break all of our recycling records in 2006!

Sincerely,
Cindy Jackson
Manager, Solid Waste Management & Recycling

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Earth Day 2006

Join Us for Our 9th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Does your department want to share it's mission to the campus community?
Do you belong to an organization that encourages sustainable initiatives?

You should host a booth at the Earth Day celebration!

Registration is open, so register today. Planning is in full swing, and we have officially opened registration for Earth Day 2006. On April 21, 2006 our Earth Day celebration will address the question: 'What's Your Global Footprint?' We are thrilled to say that this year is going to be bigger and better than last year. There will be two stages to allow for more entertainment, and we will have more specialized booths. These booths will collect recyclable goods, such as e-waste and toner cartridges. Please clean out your office supply closet because we will have an interactive office supply exchange booth, which will allow you to off-load unused products that are in good condition, and exchange them for items you may need.

If you would like to host a booth please visit our [website](#) and complete a [registration](#).

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Mixed Office Paper Statistics for the Month of November

The Georgia Tech community recycled **28.87 tons** of Mixed Office Paper during the month of January.

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Environmental Leadership Award

Do you know someone who has made a positive environmental impact on the Georgia Tech campus? What about the colleague that always encourages you to be environmentally conscious? If so, the Georgia Tech Earth Day Committee wants to know about that them.

This year we will present our 3rd annual Environmental Leadership Award (ELA) at Earth Day. This prestigious award is given to a faculty, staff, student, Alumni, or retiree that has made a positive environmental impact on campus. Nominations are made by colleagues, co-workers and friends via email to the [Earth Day Committee](#). Write a short paragraph, 250 words or less, telling us about their accomplishments in recycling, pollution control (air, water, land, and/or noise), conservation, sustainable initiatives or any other environment-saving issue. Send your nomination to the [Earth Day Committee](#) today!

The first ELA winner was [Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau](#), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and last year our ELA winner was [Bill Miller](#) from the Design and Construction department. Both of our previous winners exemplified many environmental ideals, and are highly regarded among their peers.

The committee will present the award during the Earth Day celebrations! Hurry, the deadline for submissions is Friday, March 17.

Don't forget to come and support the winner on April 21!

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Upcoming Events

Strategic Energy Initiative (SEI) & Georgia Tech Energy Council Presents

Energy Research Poster Session

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Student Center Ballroom

This is an excellent opportunity for students to share their energy related research with a campus wide audience.



Water Quality / NPDES Compliance Web Seminar

Feb. 23, 2006

Online Internet Seminar

Water-logged by NPDES compliance permits? Join us to hear how Georgia Power and Savannah Electric - both subsidiaries of Southern Company - improved reporting accuracy and reduced workload by deploying an enterprise-wide NPDES compliance solution and creating a consistent DMR process.

Solar Home Design Online

Feb. 13, 2006 - Mar. 24, 2006

Online Internet Course

This online course focuses on how-to build energy efficient, sustainable solar homes. During this six-week course, everyone from the serious owner-builder to the professional contractor will learn up-to-date strategies for sustainable new home construction and remodels.

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.

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

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