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Earth Day 2006

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“What’s Your Global Footprint?”

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Earth Day 2006 T-Shirt Design Contest

\$500 Prize!

This is your chance to design the T-Shirt that will be worn by hundreds of your fellow Georgia Tech colleagues.



The Earth Day T-Shirts have historically been very popular. Take pride in knowing that you contributed to this year’s Earth Day celebration. Only one winner will be selected, but there is no limit to the number of submissions you can enter. This year’s T-shirt contest prize is \$500, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company! Visit the [Earth Day website](#) today for submission criteria and directions.

The deadline to enter is March 17th!

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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 deadline for nomination is Friday, March 17.
Don't forget to come and support the winner on April 21st!**

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How can you participate at Earth Day 2006?

There’s more than one way to take part in the celebration...

Earth Day relies on the continued support of our [volunteers](#) and [booth hosts](#). You can volunteer for 1 hour, 2 hours, or even all day!

As a volunteer you will receive an official Earth Day t-shirt! **Registration will close April 7th!**

If you, or your department/organization, has an environmental message and supports sustainable initiatives you should host a booth. You will have the opportunity to share your message with the thousands of visitors at Earth Day. Registration is open, so register today! **The deadline for booth registration is March 17th.**

This year we are asking the question: ‘What’s Your Global Footprint?’ Make your footprint at Earth Day 2006! Visit the [Earth Day](#) website today to register!

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Recycle at Earth Day!

Everyone has an old pair of athletic shoes, a broken typewriter, cell phone, even a surplus of office supplies. Did you know that you can recycle all of those used products at Earth Day? This year we will be accepting many items for your convenience. We will be accepting five (5) categories of recyclable materials:

Office Supply Exchange – We have developed a pilot program specifically for the GA Tech community. Beginning March 28th the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling will have scheduled hours to allow employees to donate excess office supplies, which will then be available for exchange at Earth Day. You must be a member of the GA Tech community (ID required) to participate. More information will be available soon!
Sponsored by the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling



Nike Reuse-A-Shoe – Come to Earth Day to ‘Shoot the Shoes’! All of the collected shoes will be shipped to Nike, where they will be deconstructed, and reused to make athletic surfaces. *Sponsored by the Earth Day committee*



Electronics (E-Waste) – You may not know that it is illegal to dump hazardous waste into landfills. Did you know that Electronics contain components that are hazardous? At Earth Day you can bring your old electronics to be disassembled and properly reused or disposed. Only personal items, that means items that DO NOT belong to GA Tech, will be accepted. A complete list of acceptable items will be posted on the Earth Day website soon. *Sponsored by Atlanta Recycling Solutions, Interfraternity Council and Pan-Hellenic*



Cell Phones – Most people upgrade their cell phone annually, and then stuff the old phone in a corner. This year bring your old phone(s) to Earth Day. All of the collected phones will be refurbished and donated to people in crisis and need. All personal information is carefully removed before being reissued, so gather those old relics, and help someone in need.



Toner Cartridges – Bring all of your empty ink & toner cartridges! Any make, model, color and size. Cartridges are refurbished, refilled, and sold for about 50% of the original cost. By recycling cartridges we will keep them out of landfills, and provide a supply of cartridges for purchase with a considerable savings! *Sponsored by Cartridge World*



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Mixed Office Paper Statistics for the Month of February

The Georgia Tech community recycled **22.66 tons** of Mixed Office Paper during the month of February.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, March 17, 2006

Earth Day Registrations will Close at 4:00 PM

[Register today](#) to host a [booth](#)!

Nominate a coworker for the [ELA Award](#)!

Submit your winning [T-shirt design](#)!

www.earthday.gatech.edu

No local events are scheduled for the month of March

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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