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Trivia

- Which of the following are effective in reducing the amount of waste generated from households?
A - Backyard composting B - Recycling C - Variable rate trash collection fees
D - Collection of yard waste for composting E - All of the above
- Which one of the following should you not put into your compost bin?
A - Shrub trimmings B - Grass clippings C - Coffee grounds D - Meat scraps E - Egg shells
- What recycled material is used in toothpaste? (Clue: It's part of the stannous fluoride ingredient)
- This common household recyclable is used to make stuffing for sleeping bags and winter jackets. This stuffing has good insulating qualities. (Clue: It often holds a soft drink.)

[Trivia Answers](#)



Environmental Leader of the Month

The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling annually recognizes an environmental leader among students, faculty, staff, retirees, and alumni. With our Environmental Leadership Award (ELA) given at our annual Earth Day celebration. Our campus offers many opportunities for community members to step up and inspire others to participate in recycling, become aware of their environment and improve their stewardship efforts. With that in mind, starting with this issue, we will highlight a student, faculty or staff member each month that exemplifies environmental awareness, promotes good recycling habits, and/or encourages others to be environmentally conscious.

This month we interviewed *Mr. Carl Lashmit*. He has been a dedicated member of the GA Tech family for 14 years. Currently he is a House Coordinator, which affords him various opportunities to be an environmental leader.

We asked Mr. Lashmit the following:



Carl Lashmit
July Environmental Leader

Tell us about your environmental contribution:

Over the years I have participated in recycling programs and events, and even inspired a successful newspaper recycling drive that collected 7,000 pounds of newspaper in one day. I have been a writer for newsletters, and continue to highlight the efforts of individuals that strive to be environmentally aware. At home I am an organic gardener, and enjoy planting trees. I am fortunate that in my 14 years here at Tech I have been able to plant trees that are, or one day will be, beautiful specimen trees. My current assignment at Tech allows me to manage all of the collection efforts of my building, so I know recycling starts at the top!

What is your inspiration?

Recycling is an important environmental issue. Recycling only buys us a little time for environmental preservation and protection in both natural areas and animal habitat. Recycling greatly reduces, sometimes up to 1/2, the energy resources needed for a renewed product.

How do you encourage others to be environmentally aware?

As a nature lover, I emphasize the need for preservation, conservation, and protection for natural and wildlife areas. Whether from mining, cutting trees, etc. The majority of all landfills contain over 50% paper which is perfectly recyclable.

What would you like to share with the GA Tech community?

Conservation is very important. We have to pick up our personal responsibility in preserving resources as there is a limited amount. We can not live as if there is an unlimited amount of trees, water, and earth, resources for us to consume and discard. The consumer takes the first step and can make the first responsible decision in recycling.

What would you like to see the recycling department do/implement?

I would like Recycling to develop more main drop off sites [like the East and West campus locations] for employees & students that do not have access to programs within their communities. Here at GA Tech I'm fortunate that my work location is very environmentally conscious, and I do manage the recycling efforts. All the paper, cans and glass!

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Are you Green?

Someone once said the stone age didn't end because they ran out of stones. Our reliance on fossil fuel won't end because we may run out of oil. Every day we, the consumer, make conscious and unconscious choices that will have an affect on our future, a domino effect that we can control.

For example: when purchasing a toner cartridge it is normally packaged in a plastic liner, then enclosed in a cardboard box. Then a sales person places the cartridge in a plastic bag. Once home the old cartridge is replaced with the new one. The old cartridge, packaging and bag are thrown away. Ideally we should refuse the bag at the sales counter, or carry our own recycled/cloth bags for carrying our purchases.

There are multitudes of recyclable items that still end up in the trash everyday. By removing items from the trash we will conserve space in our landfills. By making the personal choice to change our own habits we

will collectively make a major positive change in our future. We can not wait for our neighbor or coworker to change. Make the choice today, and everyday, to make a change!

To learn of other basic lifestyle choices that can make a difference please visit our website today and take our [Environmental Pledge!](#)

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Mixed Office Paper Statistics for the Month of June

The Georgia Tech community recycled **22.03 tons** of Mixed Office Paper during the month of June.

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Upcoming Events

[Chattahoochee Challenger Series](#)

Chattahoochee Nature Center
July 8, 2006

[8th Annual Insect Festival](#)

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Center
July 9, 2006 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM in Columbus, GA

[Trees Atlanta Tree Care](#)

July 8: Oakhurst, Parkview, Eastlake
July 15: Brown's Mill, Castleberry Hill

[Georgia Wildlife Federation](#)

Wetland Monitoring Workshop
Learn about monitoring wetlands at Mill Creek Nature Center
July 15, 2006

[Moonlight Paddle](#)

Chattahoochee Nature Center
July 15, 2006

[The Nature Conservancy – GA Chapter](#)

Reed Branch Wet Meadow Volunteer Opportunity
The Nature Conservancy - Georgia Chapter
July 22, 2006

[Twilight Toasts in the Garden- Herb Garden Stroll](#)

Friends of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia
6:30 – 8:00 PM in Athens, GA
July 27, 2006

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

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Trivia Answers

- E – All are effective means of reducing the generation of waste. Variable rate trash collection fees, where homeowners pay based on the amount of waste discarded, encourage participation in other waste reduction practices.
- D – Meat scraps should not be composted because they could attract pests or could create odors.
- Tin used to make stannous fluoride is made from delinting old steel cans. The body of the can is made from steel but has a tin coating. The resulting tin is very pure and is ideal for use in toothpaste. This is the only domestic source of tin in the United States.
- PET (polyethylene terephthalate) soft drink bottles are used to make polyethylene fibers for insulation as well as carpets, fabrics, strapping, and engineered resins for automobiles.

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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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RCP listings, useful links, and a green purchasing guideline can now be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.

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