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Auburn University Celebrates America Recycles Day



AUBURN UNIVERSITY – Auburn University’s Waste Reduction and Recycling Department, Office of Sustainability, and the Environmental Awareness Organization invite the campus community to celebrate America Recycles Day, Friday, November 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Auburn University Haley Concourse. America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Thousands of local events will be held nationwide ranging from electronics collections and document shredding events to telephone book recycling and recycled art shows.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Department is working to increase awareness and educate students, staff, and faculty. These efforts are supported through the Campus Building Recycling Program, Gameday Recycling, Residence Hall Recycling, and Tiger Dining partnerships. These collaborations have contributed to increased recycling rates.

Auburn University’s recycling rate is currently at 27 percent. Since 2010, plastic and aluminum recycling totals have increased by 40 tons and mixed paper recycling totals have increased by 171 tons. In Fiscal Year 2013, the university recycled 1,192 tons of material or the equivalent to the weight of 91 Tiger Transit buses.

Today’s national recycling rate stands at approximately 35 percent. Recycling is a multi-billion-dollar industry that employs millions of Americans and helps advance our clean energy economy. Through the simple act of recycling and buying recycled products, consumers can create the momentum that builds materials, markets, and fills the supply chain of recycled (raw) materials that can help fuel our economy.



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More information about the Waste Reduction and Recycling Department is available online at www.auburn.edu/recycle.

More information about America Recycles Day and additional local events is available online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

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