

# GAME DAY RECYCLING

## Green Tailgating Guide

With a little bit of planning you can have fun, eat well, and be eco-conscious at your next tailgate. Follow these four easy steps to reduce your environmental impact.

### 1 REUSE

Bring your own reusable tablecloths, dish towels, cups, plates, silverware, serving utensils, and other tableware.

*Why?* Every year in the USA, billions of plastic and polystyrene foam cups, plates, and bowls end up in the landfill, along with 40 billion plastic utensils. Reusing items means that no trash is generated and nothing goes to the landfill.

### 2 BUY RECYCLED / RENEWABLE

Close the loop on recycling by purchasing items made from recycled materials and/or renewable resources. Napkins and paper towels made from post-consumer fiber, and even aluminum foil made from recycled aluminum, are available at most grocery stores. You can also buy cups, plates and silverware that look and feel just like plastic, but are made from sugarcane residue. To see pictures and descriptions of the various products that are available go to [www.treecycle.com](http://www.treecycle.com).

*Why?* Buying products made from recycled and renewable materials conserves energy and resources.

### 3 SERVE LOCALLY GROWN, ORGANIC FOOD

Cut down on the resources needed to grow and transport your food by eating food that is grown locally using sustainable practices. You can find listings of local farmers markets and stores at [www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org).

*Why?* The average food item in the USA travels an astonishing 1,500 miles before it reaches your plate, with associated energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and pollution.

### 4 RECYCLE

Georgia Tech makes it easy and convenient to recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass bottles on game day. Blue recycling bags are distributed to all the tailgaters, and recycling containers are set up along walkways and inside Bobby Dodd Stadium.

*Why?* Georgia Tech's Game Day Recycling program diverted 25 tons of recyclable materials from the landfill during the 2014 football season.

GO JACKETS!  
GO GREEN!

