

... To Create Jobs

- ▶▶▶ On a per ton basis, sorting & processing recyclables alone sustains 10 times more jobs than landfilling or incineration.
- ▶▶▶ Composting organics (leaves, grass, food scraps) creates 4 times as many jobs as landfilling.
- ▶▶▶ Georgia's paper industry includes 16 paper mills using recycled content, 9 relying exclusively on recycled fiber.
- ▶▶▶ One third of the plastic bottles recycled in the US get used in Georgia carpet manufacturing



... How We Are Doing

- ▶▶▶ Over the past few years, Peach County's recycling program has been continuously growing.
- ▶▶▶ In 2010, a total of 417.45 tons of trash was recycled. This is equivalent to over 40 school buses. Peach County ranked as a 2.04, out of 4 being the worst, on the national litter index in 2010.
- ▶▶▶ In 2011, 427.92 tons of trash was recycled and Peach County scored a 1.75 on the national litter index. The County is expected to have even better results at the end of 2012.

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... Local Recycling

The County organizes community cleanup and recycling events each year and one is usually held in cooperation with the Great American Cleanup campaign. These cleanup events ask volunteer groups to pick up litter in their neighborhoods and other areas of the County. The Executive Director for Keep Peach County Clean and Beautiful, Mrs. Jann Culpepper, coordinates with the Great American Cleanup and organizes this event.



This past year the Gano Community, Julius Simmons Blvd., Lavender St., Tabor Heights Community, and Old Macon Rd areas were cleaned up. 7,955 pounds of litter was removed from these locations along with 15 tires.

Several other recycling events are planned by Mrs. Culpepper including: paper shredding events, events with local schools, and several public education presentations for students of all ages.

... To Save Energy

A recycled aluminum can may be back on store shelves in 60 days using 95% less energy to manufacture.

Paper mills use 40% less energy to make paper from recycled paper instead of virgin timbers.

Using 50% recycled glass to make new glass containers would save enough energy to power 21,978 homes for one year and remove 181,550 tons of waste from landfills every month.

The US steel industry's annual recycling saves the equivalent energy to electrically power about 18 million households for a year.



... To Conserve Water

A ton of paper made from recycled fibers conserves 7000 gallons of water.

Extraction of virgin raw materials & manufacturing them into products uses quite a bit of water. Recycling reduces the need for materials from virgin sources and therefore reduces water use.

Using recycled materials in manufacturing new products typically reduces air and water pollution compared to using virgin materials in the process.

... To Conserve Natural Resources

Mining & transporting raw materials for glass produces about 385 lbs of waste for every ton of glass made; using recycled glass for just ½ of the raw materials cuts waste by 75%.

Application of compost to agricultural fields, recreational and public works projects, as well as residential yards and gardens replenishes soil, conserves water, and aids in controlling erosion and sedimentation while reducing the need for pesticides/herbicides and chemical fertilizers.

Every time a ton of steel is recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone are preserved.