



THE GREEN GAZETTE

Environmental Management Systems at Work
USDA/ARS Tifton, GA

What's going on with EMS?

Quick Review

What is EMS? EMS is simply a way to evaluate our activities, identify the environmental impacts of those activities, and find ways to reduce those impacts. It also helps us stay in compliance with environmental regulations.

EMS Committee

Who is on the committee?

Tamara Snipes – Coordinator, CPMRU
Tom Hendricks – CPMRU
Patricia Timper – CPMRU
Russell Scarborough – CPMRU
Laura Marshall – SEWRU
Regina Hornbuckle – SEWRU
Tim Strickland – SEWRU
Kathy Marchant – CGBRU
Jackie Merriman – CGBRU
Tom Maze - ADMIN

What are we doing now?

New for FY08, we are working on an electronics policy to help comply with EO 13423. This mandates greener electronic purchases. Also, there is a continued effort to decrease mercury containing devices on campus. Finally, vehicle policies are being reviewed to see where we can increase environmental stewardship in that area.

Electronics Recycling

We are seeing great success with our electronics recycling program. We were able to utilize the Tifton-Tift county e-Cycling event held on April 26, 2008 to safely dispose of a small building full of unwanted or broken electronic equipment. They accepted virtually any and all electronic equipment at no cost to the location. The city workers even came and loaded the electronics onto a truck for us. Now, you just can't get much better than that.



Remember: **NEVER** throw any electronic item into the dumpster. Electronics are a disposal problem because many contain lead, cadmium, or other hazardous substances.

If you need to dispose of something, first contact Tom Maze to fill out AD Form112. Then see Tom Hendricks to schedule a drop off time.

What's on Your Mind?

Have questions or suggestions? Your opinion matters. Feel free to contact any member of the EMS committee or visit the EMS website at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/docs.htm?docid=12538>