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Getting Rid of Waste by Getting Rid of Receipts

Georgia Tech Dining Services has made the commitment to eliminate receipts at 15 dining locations. The sustainability initiative is a partnership with Campus Services, Malte Weiland, Sustainability Project Manager, and two Georgia Tech students, Zoe Holderness and Emma Weinberg.

Zoe and Emma, who frequently dine at GT Dining locations, realized the opportunity to substantially decrease paper wastage by getting rid of receipts. Fueled with enthusiasm and purpose, they contacted the necessary departments to strategize a plan and implement. In 2016, the 15 campus dining locations eliminating receipts had 2,474,839 transactions that each produced a receipt. If applying data from the Huffington post article that, "55,000 receipts spare one tree" then GT Dining Services will save roughly 45 trees annually by eliminating receipts.

"This effort contributes to Georgia Tech's Sustainability mission to 'preserve resources, reduce our environmental impact, and inspire action toward sustainable outcomes'", says Staci Flores, Resident District Manager. The impact of going receipt-less goes beyond campus wide. Our customers will be able to see firsthand the power they have to help the environment and reduce deforestation.

The Sequoia points of sale system will no longer automatically print receipts at these 15 locations. Instead, cashiers will ask customers if they would like a printed copy. "It's our expectation that customers will prefer a digital receipt only and opt to preserve natural resources." Customers can also view transactions on their BuzzCard accounts when paying with a meal plan, dining points or BuzzCard funds.

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