



Resources/Toolkits

► A Bags Life



A public education campaign that unites non-profits, business, community and government organizations around the common goal of promoting reduce, reuse, recycle as they relate to plastic bags and wraps. The website includes a description of the “Bag Family”, a zip-code locator to find drop off sites, and more info on recycling plastic film. Georgia via GRC, KGBF, Georgia Food Industry Association, and the American Chemistry Council, is the 7th state to launch the campaign. Retailers involved include: Walmart, Target, Lowe’s, JC Penney, Publix, Kroger, Food Lion and Harvey’s.

► Soles4Souls

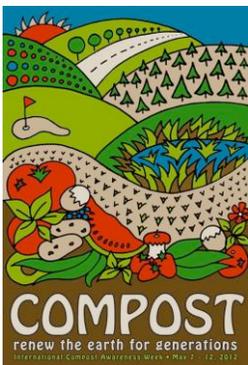


Soles4Souls, the international shoe charity, announced their **Turn Up the Sole** campaign for Georgia in partnership with Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, The Georgia Recycling Coalition, 1-800-Got-Junk?, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and Whole Foods. The charity’s Earth Day initiative is connecting

thousands of individuals around Georgia to recycle their new or gently worn shoes.

From March 15 to May 15, individuals, organizations and businesses across Georgia can sign up to participate in the recycling campaign. The shoes collected will be donated to Soles4Souls and used to help individuals in need. With 1 in 4 people living in adverse poverty around the world, many do not have access to footwear. Any Georgia resident interested in being a collection point or dropping off shoes for recycle can visit www.giveshoes.org/georgiarecycles.

► International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)

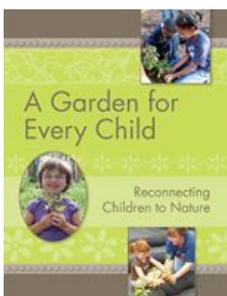


US Composting Council
International Compost Awareness Week

ICAW is a multi-media publicity and education event that showcases composting and compost products. It features composting in your back yard or at large scale commercial composting facilities. . To bring positive attention to the possibilities that composting can provide to communities,

ICAW was designed to rally composting advocates and build awareness in every community. **To find out more about how you can get involved, go to: www.compostingcouncil.org**

► Garden for Every Child-USCC



A Garden for Every Child. Produced by the US Composting Council, Filtrexx International, the National Gardening Association, and Playworld Systems, the booklet is designed to **Reconnect Children to Nature** through a series of lessons, including decomposition, the composting process and importance of good soils. To purchase copies, go to: <http://www.gardensoxx.com/store/p/66-A-Garden-For-Every-Child-Reconnecting-Children-with-Nature.aspx>

► Re-TRAC Connect Community Profiles-Do YOU Count? + Tonnage Tracker



Provides residents with local recycling and waste management program and event information with your Community Profile; it interfaces from Re-TRAC to GRC's Ecoville website; enter your profile at www.georgiarecycles.org on the home page. Gives you the ability to maintain and share data efficiently via the tonnage tracker; provide data in meaningful format for elected officials to reinforce program value (with emphasis

on cost savings); assist in soliciting program resource support while maintaining local control over content and ability to update as needed.

► Source Separated Organics Toolkit/Performance Model



This toolkit, performance model and more assists local governments in consideration of adding organics collection to their collection programs. Find it under links on GRC website or online at:

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/SWMrecyclingAssistance.asp>

► Building Recycling Programs in GA Multi-Family Toolkit



The goal of this toolkit is provide a map to guide local recycling program managers, property managers and owners, elected officials, haulers and vendors, and professional associations to assure their efforts will have the greatest impact. The focus will be providing guidance, technical assistance, and resources for use by property managers and owners, and board of homeowners associations, as well as local government recycling managers who have oversight in working to reduce waste within this sector of their jurisdictions. Find under: www.georgiarecycles.org under Environmental Education/Citizen Resource Guides

► EPD Mapping Project-Recycling Economic Impact



In April 2012, the first phase of our state Environmental Protection Division mapping project, funded by an EPA grant, will be unveiled. A partnership with EPD and GRC, the final version will expand to comprehensive GIS mapped profiles of all markets for a broad cross section of recycled materials in Georgia including a drop down attribute box for each. It will also map layers of the entire industry, including landfills, transfer stations, materials recovery facilities, compost sites, illegal tire dumps, and more. Having clear data in a concise comprehensive format will provide us with tools we need for educating our elected officials and advocating for positive policy.

► CVP Connect



CVP Connect is a web-based communications training tool developed by the Curbside Value Partnership. Designed specifically for recycling coordinators, it is a new, free online destination for resources and guidance on developing, executing and measuring strategic and effective education campaigns. Designed to foster a habit of fact based decision making, CVP Connect reinforces the importance of developing performance metrics to help gauge the impact of education on actual recycling tonnage. Check out this GREAT new resource: www.CVPConnect.org

► DNR Sustainable Office Toolkit



The Sustainable Office Toolkit is a set of resources and tools developed by the Sustainability Division to help offices of all types and size move toward sustainability through practices such as recycling, energy and water conservation, and “green” building. The Waste Reduction module guides users from waste audits through to planning and implementation of recycling and waste reduction programs for office environments. <http://www1.gadnr.org/sustain/toolkit>

► EPA Municipal Toolkit



The Municipal Government Toolkit (MGTK) was designed to provide the information and resources necessary for state and local governments to make successful recycling programs a reality. The MGTK is a compilation of fact sheets, case studies, recycling reports, and links to online tools aimed at helping you improve your community recycling program. Whether you need help with the basics of starting a recycling program, or want to know more about the role of recycling in the Southeast, the Toolkit provides the tools you need to address the issues municipal governments face when it comes to recycling.

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/rcra/mgtoolkit/index.html>

► GPI Commercial Glass Recycling Kit (Bars/Restaurants)



According to a 2011 [National Restaurant Association survey](#), 65% of restaurateurs have recycling programs, and another 19% of full service operators plan to start one in the next year. While restaurateurs are recycling a variety of materials, 68% of full service restaurants and 52% of quick service recycle glass bottles. And an in-depth survey of ten bar, restaurant, and hotel glass container recycling programs in eight states found that partnerships are key. In addition to collecting data on containers and processes, economic

details, and logistics, the survey also identifies eight “best practices” that have come out of these trail-blazing programs <http://www.gpi.org/recycle-glass/barrestaurant-recycling/>

► Prescription Drug Take-Back

US Dept of Justice/Drug Enforcement



The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. Americans that participated in the DEA’s third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories. When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



► FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease)

This site is dedicated to management of FOGs (Fats, Oils, Grease). It has info about the rules as well as lists of transporters and receiving facilities.

<http://www.georgiafog.com/Comtruckinfo/transporterinformation.htm>

► Yellow Pages Opt-Out

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Developed in partnership between the Local Search Association and the Association of Directory Publishers, this online tool provides an easy and secure way for residents to control the number of Yellow Pages telephone directories they receive or to stop directory delivery entirely. The Internet-based tool is specifically designed to prevent directories from being delivered to anyone who doesn't want one while ensuring that they are delivered to the majority of consumers who continue to rely upon and use the print Yellow Pages to make purchases supporting the local business community and economy

Simply go to www.YellowPagesOptOut.com, enter your zip code and follow the prompts to make your choice. Once complete, you will be sent a confirmation email. Click the link embedded in the email to confirm your request.

MORE RESOURCES:

► "Unwasted: The Future of Business on Earth"

To view the 55 minute video, got to: <http://sagebug.com/zerowaste/>. It will be a well spent hour of your day!

► CD Recycling Center of America

<http://cdrecyclingcenter.org/>

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CD's, DVD's, Jewel Cases-mail in program

► 1-800-Recycling

<http://1800recycling.com/>

Check out resources for recycling in underserved communities; also great non-traditional recycling sources.

► BioCycle—Find a Composter:

<http://www.findacomposter.com/>

► No Nonsense Pantyhose Recycling

<http://www.nononsense.com/PantyhoseRecycling.aspx>