

GREEN SHEET

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Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update!

GRC News

Georgia Announces Recycling Grants

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announced the Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion (RWD) Grant as part of the Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) Grant Program. The amount of available funding is \$2,000,000 for state fiscal year 2023.

The RWD Grant provides financial support to projects in Georgia to reduce solid waste, recover valuable materials, support manufacturing, and encourage innovation. Eligible applicants and recipients include counties, municipalities, or any combination of the same, or public authorities, agencies, commissions, or institutions.

RWD Grant information, forms, and FAQs will be posted to the [RWD Grant webpage](#).

The application period opened August 1, 2022. The deadline for submitting applications is September 30, 2022.

EPD will host two virtual meetings in August to review eligibility and application requirements, and to answer any questions. Both meetings will be recorded and posted to the RWD Grant webpage with questions and answers posted to the FAQs.

Apply Today!

Georgia Recycling Conference

Annual Conference

September 25-28, 2022

Register Today!



Make plans to join us for the 31st Annual GRC Conference.

Join as we work collaboratively to grow and sustain recycling as an environmental solution and economic driver in Georgia.

EXPLORE CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTER

We are excited to get back to seeing each other live and in person this September.

Register and learn **more** about the conference and lodging.

EXHIBIT

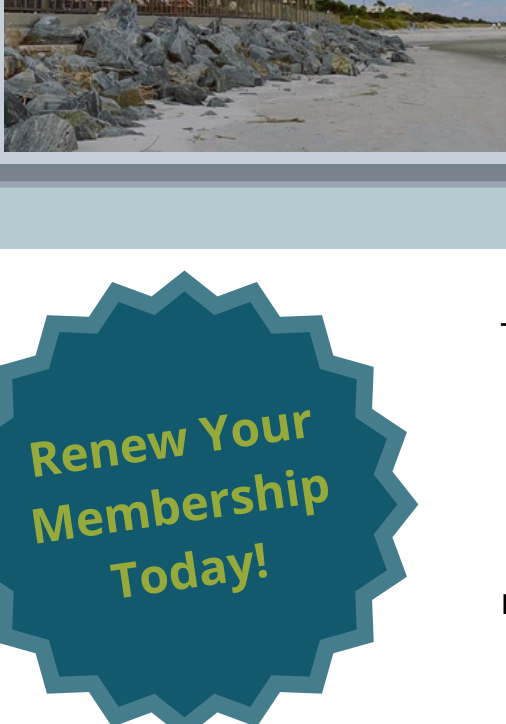
Session breaks in the exhibit hall provide a great opportunity to meet and greet conference attendees.

Learn more about exhibiting.

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Sponsors are featured in promotions before, during, and after the conference.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

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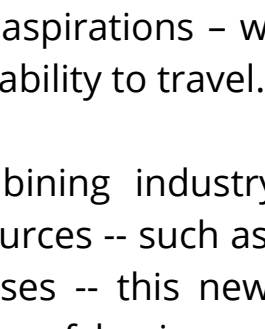
To reserve a hotel room, click [here](#).

Deadline for special rate is August 26th.

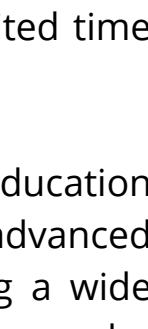
Renew Your Membership Today!

Thanks to all of our members who have renewed their membership. Renewals were due June 30th, so take a minute and review your status! This renewal covers the July 2022-June 2023 member year allows you to receive the benefit of reduced conference fees as a member. **Thanks for your continued support as we celebrate 31 years in 2022!**

In the News



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USCC Announces Compost University

The US Composting Council along with the Compost Research & Education Foundation, is happy to announce a new industry-focused online learning management system, Compost University.

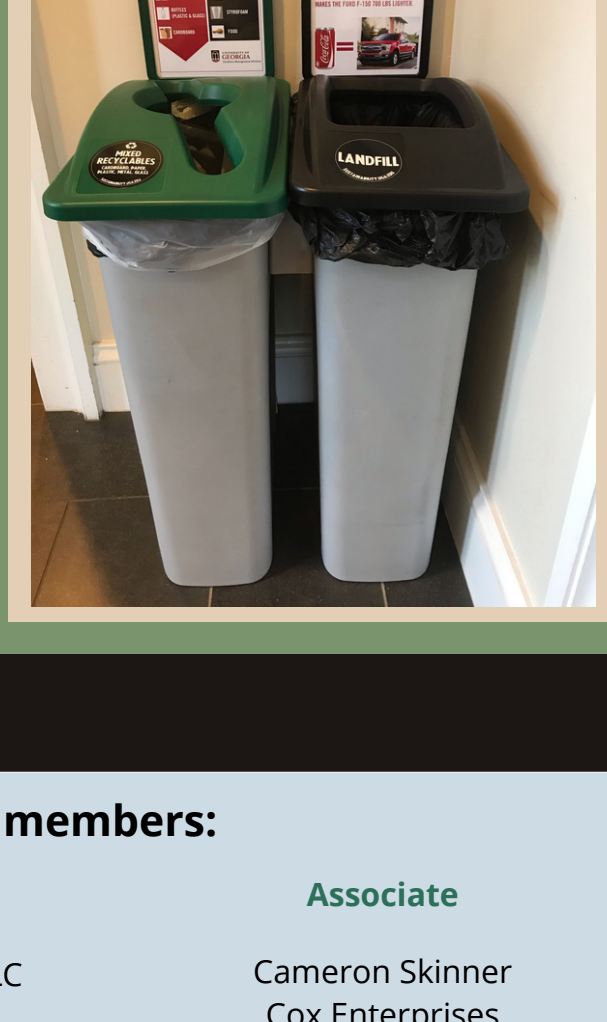
Compost U provides an on-demand educational resource for our members and industry professionals who are looking to advance their continuing education objectives and aspirations – while making it easy to overcome challenges caused by limited time and ability to travel.

Combining industry-leading content from USCC and CREF training and education resources -- such as conference talks, webinars, short classes and new longer advanced courses -- this new platform offers hundreds of digital coursework covering a wide range of business, science, management, safety, and technical topics which can be taken anytime, anywhere. [Learn more...](#)

Signage Above Bins Increases Recycling

When it comes to recycling and waste bins in public spaces recycling managers are familiar with best practices like using color distinction and restrictive openings. A 2019 project by the University of Georgia (UGA) demonstrated another, less recognized practice: placing signage above the bin.

Read more in Busch Systems' Alec Cooley's blog, where he reviews the findings of the UGA project and other academic research showing how signage at or close to eye level provides a visual prompt that can improve recovery and reduce contamination by 20% or more.



GRC News

GRC welcomes its new members:

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Member Spotlight: Preferred Plastics

Preferred Plastics has been serving the Northeast Georgia recycling needs since 2004, providing complete sustainable programs for companies looking to reduce their waste and overall carbon footprint. The company accepts plastic, corrugated, metals, and pallets. Preferred Plastics has built an excellent reputation for prompt payment terms, best in class service, and reliable logistics. Interested in developing a full-scale sustainable program for your company? Contact Preferred Plastics at 678-936-3447.

PREFERRED PLASTICS
RECYCLING PAYS OFF. UPCYCLING PAYS BACK.

#RecycleRightGA

ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

Shop savvy AND purchase sustainably-made clothes
Buy school supplies made with recycled materials
Don't place clothes, broken markers, or shoes in the recycling bin
Donate items or check for take-back programs for clothes and supplies

#RecycleRightGA
let's sort this out

Time for new back-to-school supplies and clothes? Here are tips and resources to help you shop sustainably this school year.

Shop savvy AND purchase sustainably-made clothes

[Learn more](#) about sustainable fashion certifications/

Try one of the brands listed in [Sustainably Chic's Sustainable Kids Clothing Brands](#)

Buy supplies made with recycled-content materials

Recycled-content supplies are available in stores and on-line.

Don't place clothes, broken markers, or shoes in the recycling bin

Clothes can become tangled around equipment. Small items like markers can't be sorted and contaminate the recycling stream. Check for take-back programs for clothes, shoes, and school supplies like markers and crayons.

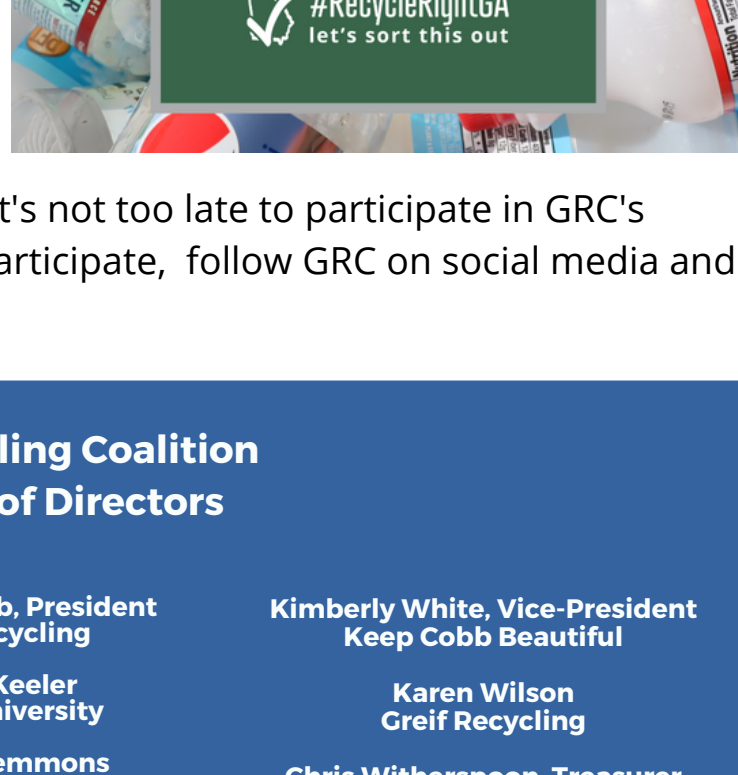
Donate old clothes and supplies

Check locally for places that accept usable supplies and clothes.

Check for take-back programs

Take-back programs from brands like [Levi's](#) and Gap extend the life of your unwanted clothes. Gap provides a credit when using [Gap X thredUP](#) Clean Out Kit.

Need more ideas? Check the list from [Style Salute](#)



Missed any of our weekly campaign posts? It's not too late to participate in GRC's RecycleRightGA Educational Campaign! To participate, follow GRC on social media and share our posts!

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