

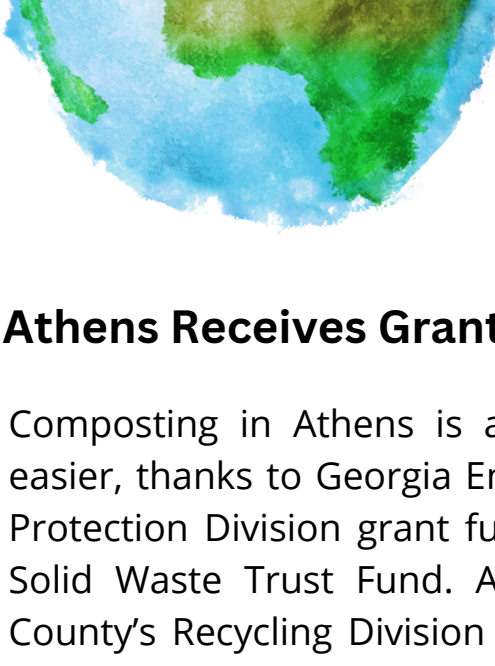


GREEN SHEET

APRIL 2023

Welcome to GRC's monthly update!

Latest News



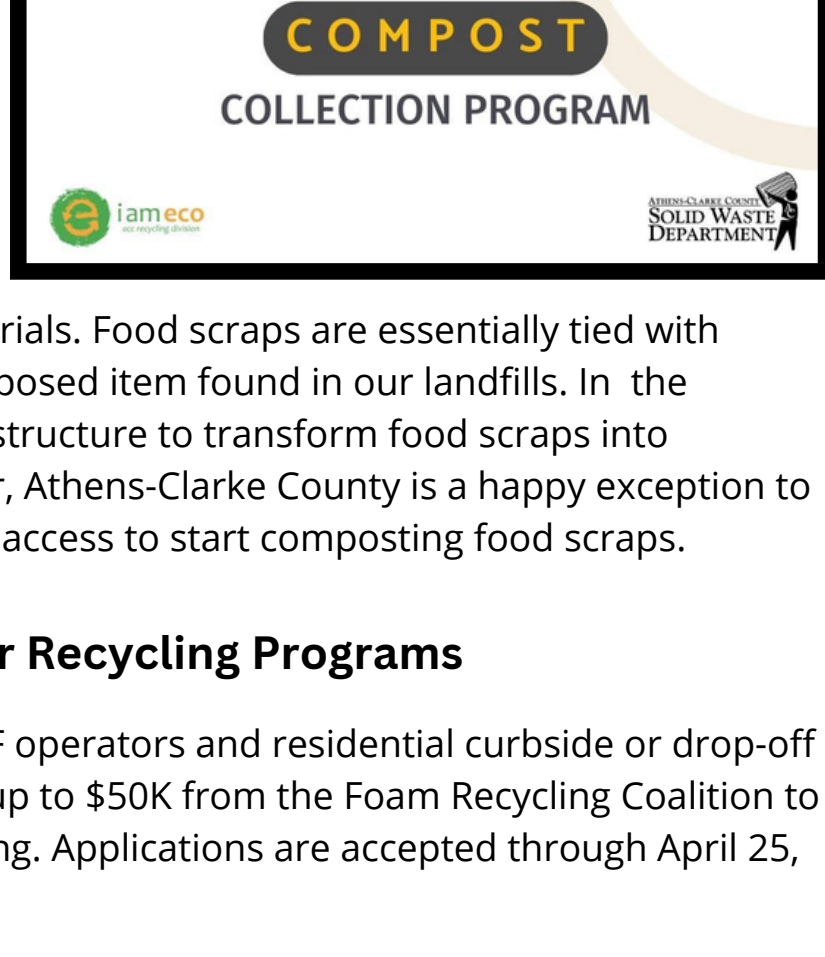
Last Chance to Register for Earth Month Event!

Let's get outside and celebrate Earth Day this year!

Join GRC and recycling professionals from across the state on April 12th. The day includes tours of two thriving recycling centers and a picnic lunch along the Etowah River. Registered attendees will be eligible for a drawing to win an annual conference registration. [Register by April 5th!](#)

Athens Receives Grant to Enhance Compost Program

Composting in Athens is about to get easier, thanks to Georgia Environmental Protection Division grant funded by the Solid Waste Trust Fund. Athens-Clarke County's Recycling Division received the generous award during the first round of grants from the state's new Recycling and Waste Diversion competitive grant program. Athens-Clarke County's little compost truck struggled mightily to keep up with the demand for the local appetite for composting, but it was not strong enough. The Recycling Division will use funding to purchase a new collection truck capable of handling more weight, along with additional collection roll carts and promotional materials. Food scraps are essentially tied with cardboard as the two most commonly disposed item found in our landfills. In the southeast, there is not yet adequate infrastructure to transform food scraps into valuable, soil-enriching compost. However, Athens-Clarke County is a happy exception to that fact. Local businesses in Athens have access to start composting food scraps.



Grant Opportunities Available for Recycling Programs

Foam Polystyrene Recycling Grant: MRF operators and residential curbside or drop-off recycling programs can apply for a grant up to \$50K from the Foam Recycling Coalition to start or improve foam polystyrene recycling. Applications are accepted through April 25, 2023. [Learn more.](#)

Carton Recycling Grant: The Carton Council has announced grants for community recycling education, including cartons. Eligible communities can receive up to \$5,000. Entities must sign up by April 22, 2023. [Learn more.](#)

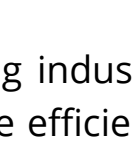
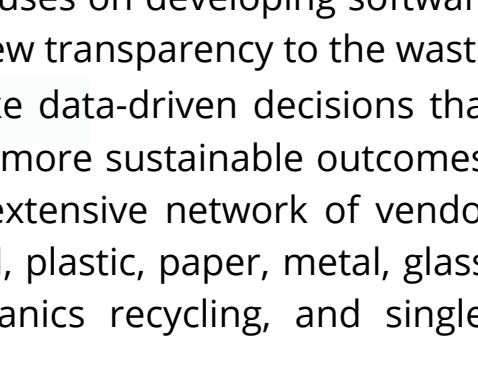
Johns Creek Launches New Website for Glass

Johns Creek has launched a new website to educate residents about the types of glass accepted at their drop-off location. Since October 2022, the community has recycled 51,440 pounds of glass! For more information about their glass program, take a look at the new [site!](#)

Sponsor Spotlights

We extend appreciation to the following GRC Sponsors for their generous support and ongoing confidence in our programs and projects.

Pratt Recycling is a **Partner Level Sponsor** of GRC. A subsidiary of Pratt Industries, it is the 5th largest corrugated packaging company in the USA, and the world's largest, privately-held 100% recycled paper and packaging company. Pratt Recycling Division is a full service recycler with 13 recycling facilities. Pratt utilizes the paper products collected in the production of its 100% recycled content paper and packaging solutions. Every year, Pratt diverts 2.2 million tons of waste-paper, other recyclable materials and waste-to-clean energy materials from the landfill. Some items that cannot be recycled are used as fuel for Pratt's clean energy plant which powers the paper-making process. They truly close the loop and contribute to a circular economy!



RUBICON

Rubicon, a **Sustainer Level Sponsor** of GRC, is the leading digital marketplace for waste and recycling and a provider of innovative software-based solutions for businesses and governments worldwide. With more than 8 million service locations, Rubicon focuses on developing software solutions that bring new transparency to the waste and recycling industry — encouraging customers to make data-driven decisions that lead to more efficient and effective operations as well as more sustainable outcomes. They manage waste and recycling services through an extensive network of vendor and hauler partners. Rubicon's programs span cardboard, plastic, paper, metal, glass, electronics recycling, construction and demolition, organics recycling, and single-stream recycling.

EWASTE

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP

- ZERO LANDFILL
- DATA SECURITY
- FREE PICKUP

We CANNOT Accept:

- CRT TVs
- Plasma TVs
- Light Bulbs
- Radioactive Material
- Hazardous Waste
- Materials Containing Liquid

We ALSO Offer:

- Serialized Data Destruction
- On-Site Removal & Pickup
- Server Refreshing
- Equipment Buyback

We Accept:

- Laptops / Desktops
- Servers
- Power Distribution Units
- Monitors
- Networking Equipment
- Wires / Cables
- Cell phones / Tablets
- Digital Cameras
- Game Consoles
- Printers / Copiers and Ink/Toner
- Projectors
- Storage Devices (HDDs, SSDs, SD)
- GPS Units
- TVs (Flat Screen)
- Lab and Medical Equipment
- Circuit Boards / Cards
- RAM/CPUs

Costs:

- CRTs COST .40 cents Per Pound
- Alkaline Batteries COST 1 Dollar Per Pound
- Plasma TVs COST .40 cents Per Pound
- Flat Screen TVs COST .25 Cents Per Pound

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www.ewasteplanet.com

eWaste ePlanet is a **Patron Level Sponsor** of GRC. Based in Atlanta, the company provides both drop-off and pickup services. The mission of eWaste ePlanet, is to provide a safe and easy solution for disposing of unwanted electronics.

eWaste ePlanet accepts a wide variety of e-waste and offers services ranging from data destruction to recycling.

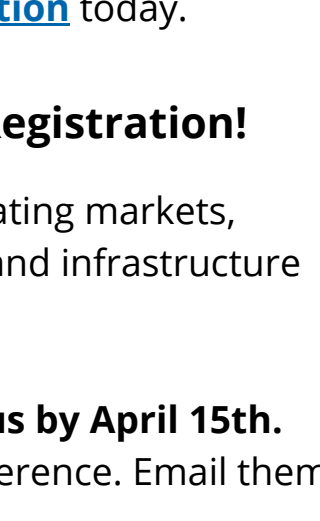
Did you know? End of life electronics (e-waste) account for only around 2% of the trash in America, but they compromise 70% of the toxic waste we produce. Currently only 12.5% of these materials are recycled!

Announcements

Spirit of Green Awards 2023 Nominations Open

Get the recognition you deserve by applying for the Spirit of Green Awards. Categories include:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Institutional Program
- Outstanding Corporate Leader
- Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Govn/Community Program



Applications due this summer, so check out the [application information](#) today.

Suggest the Winning Conference Theme and Win a Free Registration!

How do we encapsulate so many changes in our industry from fluctuating markets, increased costs, participation, new contaminants, new partnerships, and infrastructure growth ... into one conference theme?

We want to hear your ideas? Submit conference theme ideas to us by April 15th.

The winner will receive one individual registration for this year's conference. Email theme suggestions to: garecycles@mindspring.com

Connie Burns Scholarship - Apply Today!

Georgia college and university students are encouraged to apply for the 2023 Connie Burns Scholarship. Eligible candidates must be currently enrolled as a part-time college or university undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to recycling, waste reduction, or environmental sustainability. Deadline to submit the application is August 15, 2023. [Learn more and apply today!](#)

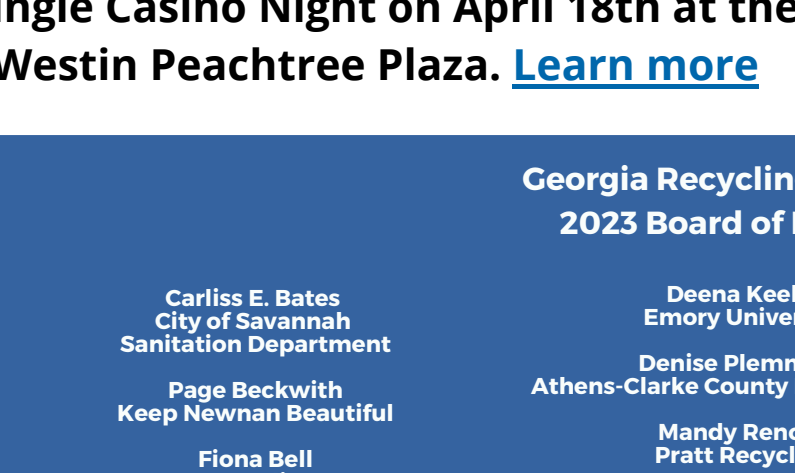
Upcoming Events



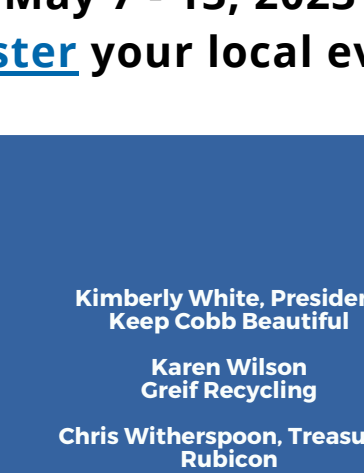
FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK

April 10-16, 2023

Food Waste Prevention Week is a collaborative effort to educate and inspire real cultural change around wasted food in order to help families save money, reduce the negative environmental impact of wasted food, and address hunger in our communities. [Learn more](#) about opportunities to engage and resources for your own observance.



Attending SOAR? Visit GRC at Booth 512 and stop by the SWANA GA Chapter Mix & Mingle Casino Night on April 18th at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. [Learn more](#)



International Compost Awareness Week May 7 - 13, 2023
[Register](#) your local event.

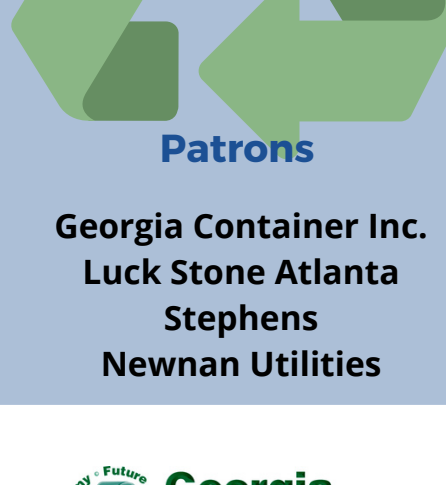
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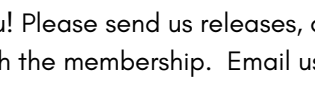


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