



# GEORGIA RECYCLING COALITION

# GREEN SHEET

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Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update!

## In the News

### Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendar to join GRC in the first in its series of webinars this year to discuss the state of recycling. Learn from local and national industry experts.

Webinar is **FREE**; however, all attendees **MUST** register by March 14th.

[Register Today!](#)



### STATE OF RECYCLING WEBINAR

Featuring Chaz Miller and spotlighting new GRC Members



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[www.georgiarecycles.org](http://www.georgiarecycles.org)


**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
 **11:00 - 12:15 PM**

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### The State of Paper Cup Recycling

The Foodservice Packaging Institute (FPI) is pleased to announce the recent publication of a new white paper authored by Moore & Associates entitled ***The State of Paper Cup Recycling***. This comprehensive paper delves into the evolving landscape of paper cup recovery efforts including recycling challenges, technical aspects of material sorting and processing, end markets utilizing recovered cups, and the flow of paper cups to specific bales in Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The paper describes the processing aspects of polycoated paper cups and contains helpful references, including MRF case studies and lists of end markets and brokers who trade in recovered fiber bales containing paper cups.

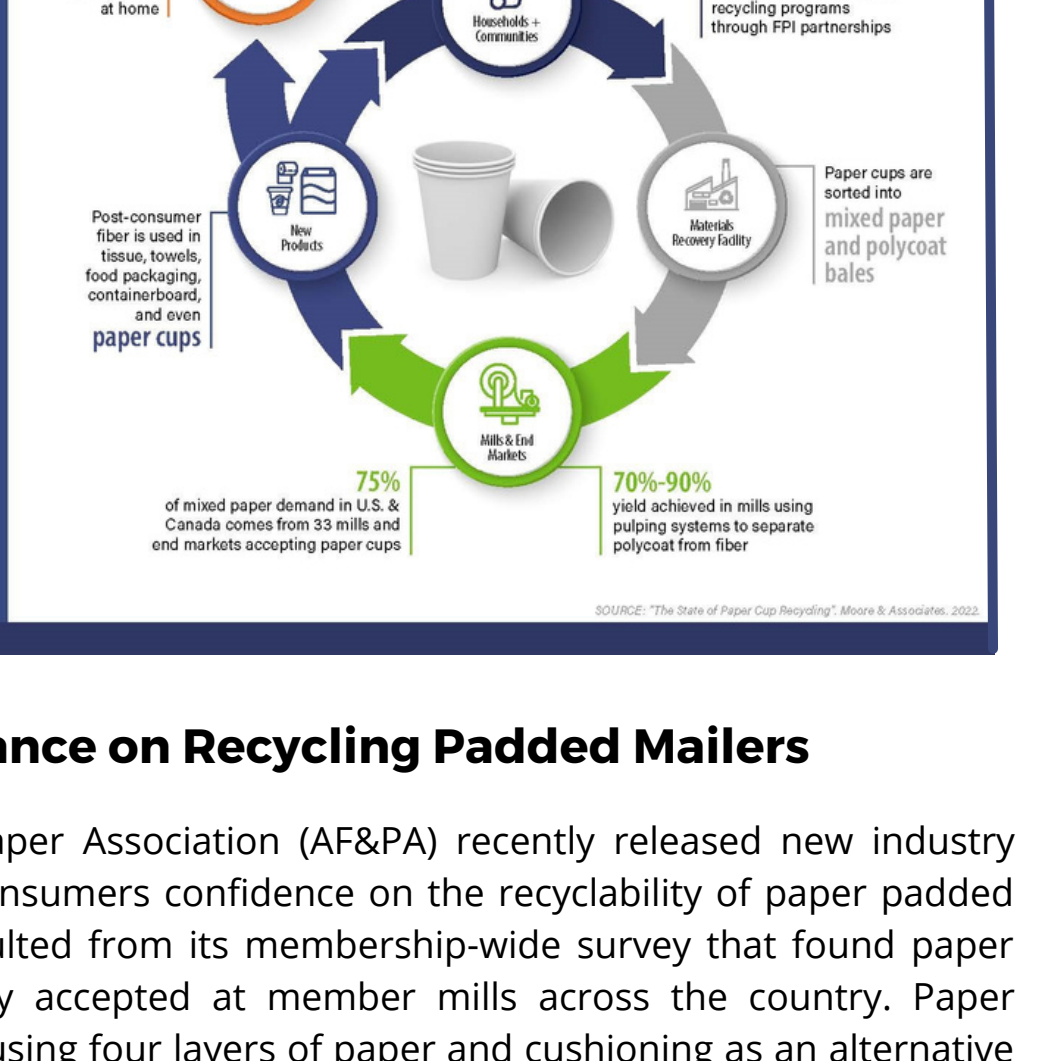
The white paper, [The State of Paper Cup Recycling](#), is available for free download on FPI's website.



### Paper Cup Recycling in the U.S. and Canada

FPI supports communities with educational resources and funding to communicate efficiently and effectively with residents. Additionally, FPI provides grant funding to MRFs for material flow studies and equipment.

For more information visit:  
[www.recyclepapercups.org](http://www.recyclepapercups.org)



SOURCE: "The State of Paper Cup Recycling" Moore & Associates, 2021

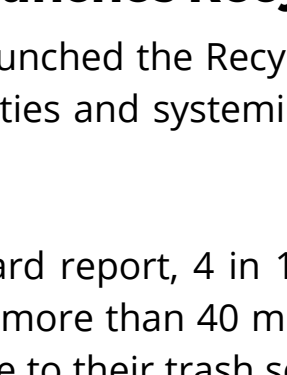
### AF&PA Issues Guidance on Recycling Padded Mailers

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) recently released new industry guidance aiming to give consumers confidence on the recyclability of paper padded mailers. The guidance resulted from its membership-wide survey that found paper padded mailers are widely accepted at member mills across the country. Paper padded mailers are made using four layers of paper and cushioning as an alternative to other options.

"These new and innovative paper padded mailers are recycled at paper mills throughout the country," said AF&PA President and CEO Heidi Brock. "We encourage local communities to update their recycling guidance to explicitly accept paper padded mailers, giving consumers the confidence they need to recycle this packaging either at curbside or drop-off locations." Survey results showed that AF&PA members representing 85 percent of total member consumption of mixed paper and 83 percent of old-corrugated containers accept padded mailers for recycling.

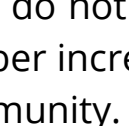
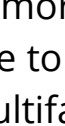
"Our industry is stepping up to deliver sustainable and innovative packaging, meeting consumer needs," Brock said. "These paper padded mailers help advance the broader circular value chain because they are made with renewable materials, are recyclable and result in recycled fibers that can be used again to make new products."

For more information about the recyclability of paper padded mailers, including AF&PA's Paper Padded Mailer Statement, visit [afandpa.org](http://afandpa.org)



### CAN PAPER MILLS RECYCLE PADDED MAILERS?

Yes! Encourage your communities to accept paper padded mailers for recycling.



### The Recycling Partnership Launches Recycling Inclusion Fund

[The Recycling Partnership](#) (TRP) has launched the Recycling Inclusion Fund, a unique funding stream to address racial disparities and systemic challenges in the U.S. waste and recycling industries.

According to TRP's 2021 Paying It Forward report, 4 in 10 single-family residents lack equitable recycling access – equating to more than 40 million people who do not have the same access to recycling as they have to their trash service. That number increases to 7 in 10 for those who live in a multifamily property or rural community. With awareness that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) have historically been underserved and under-supported in their communities, the Recycling Inclusion Fund aims to provide the resources and tools residents need to live a more sustainable life.

## Georgia Spotlights

### Gwinnett Announces Interactive Litter Discussion

"Connecting People and Places: A Community Conversation About Litter" is the first of its kind and is intended to address the issue of littering on a hyperlocal scale. This interactive discussion will engage citizens and industry experts in a facilitated conversation to address and prevent littering in the community that we love. There will be ample opportunity for any questions by attendees.

**March 23, 2022**      **Register:** [Connecting People & Places: A Community Conversation About Litter \(Virtual Event\)](#)

**8:00 - 10:00 AM**

### 2022 Environmental Address

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will play host to Georgia's honorable Governor Brian Kemp and more than 600 community and business leaders from across the state at its 14th annual Environmental Address. Governor Kemp is expected to speak about the importance of being good stewards of the environment, as well as the effect those efforts can have on the state's economy. In addition to the Governor's speech, a number of individuals, companies and organizations will be recognized with Environmental Consciousness and Stewardship Awards. The event includes a catered lunch, speech from the Governor and an awards ceremony.



**April 21, 2022**      **Tickets:** [Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful](#)

**11:15 am - 1:00 pm**      **Gas South District-Ballroom**

### Food Waste Prevention Week - April 4-8



Atlanta will join Florida and others in the southeast for a week of social media games and challenges, K-12 student art contests, invention marathons, presentations with special guests including celebrated local chefs and elected officials, and much more. Food Waste Prevention Week (April 4-8) is a dynamic week filled with engaging activities to raise awareness and inspire people to reduce food waste at home,


at work and in our communities. Learn more about this event and how to become a partner or sponsor at [www.SaveTheFoodFL.com](http://www.SaveTheFoodFL.com).

## #RecycleRightGA

### It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for GRC's Free RecycleRightGA Educational Campaign Resources

Help educate Georgians about the importance of recycling to the businesses across the state, ensure our businesses have the recovered materials they need to manufacture their products, and decrease contamination in your community! To receive free weekly social media posts and access to videos, sign up at [www.georgiarecycles.org](http://www.georgiarecycles.org)

### Glass is 100% Recyclable!

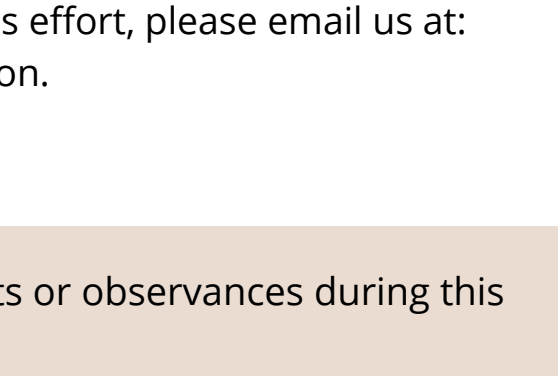


Georgia manufacturers need your recycled glass bottles to make products like insulation and new glass bottles.

## GRC News

### USCC Georgia Chapter Discussions Begin

Georgia Recycling Coalition and SWANA GA Chapter are partnering to begin the process of forming a U.S. Composting Council (USCC) State Chapter for Georgia. There are currently 14 state chapters and growing.



On March 3rd, USCC GA Members and other interested parties held a virtual meeting to learn about the process and procedures for forming a state chapter. Hosted by Linda Norris-Waldt, the Advocacy, Corporate Relations & Chapter Relations Director for USCC, the meeting was an introduction and kick off for future discussions. If you are interested in joining a stakeholder's group supporting this effort, please email us at: [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com) with your contact information.

### International Compost Awareness Week



Do you have plans to hold events or observances during this week-long event?

**Let us know so we can promote!**

**Email GRC at [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com) with your project description, date of event, contact information, and link for more information.**

### Georgia Recycling Coalition 2022 Board of Directors

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We would love to hear from you! Please send us releases, captioned photos and other great news that you want to share with the membership. Email us at [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com)

