

GREEN SHEET

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Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update!

In the News

Federal Compost Legislation Passes Committee

One of the first pieces of national legislation to feature the Compost manufacturing industry passed out of the Senate Public Works Committee recently; S3743, the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act will task EPA with collecting data on (along with recycling) compost infrastructure needs and capacity; best practices; compost markets and compostables, as well as labelling and education. The [bill](#) had bipartisan sponsors: Senator Carper of Delaware, Senator Boozman of Arkansas, and Senator Capito of West Virginia. Stay tuned for next steps!

Recycling Infrastructure & Accessibility Act

Want to Learn more about federal legislation impacting the recycling industry, click [here](#) for a recap from Waste360.

The Recycling Partnership Launches New Chat Tool

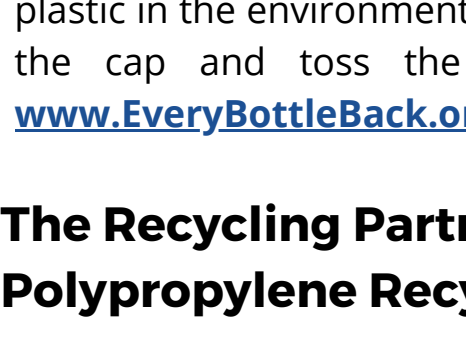
The Recycling Partnership recently launched the new chat tool *What Can I Recycle?* The Beta version of this new chat tool provides real-time information for your community. It allows users to ask questions about what items can be recycled. Check it out [here](#).

Is Recycling a Fraud?

As a follow up to our March *The State of Recycling webinar* featuring Chaz Miller, here's a [commentary](#) he wrote for Waste 360 on claims about recycling.

Listen now to the [GRC's webinar!](#)

Yes, Caps On!



America's non-alcoholic beverage industry takes seriously its commitment to protecting and preserving our planet.

Part of doing so is carefully designing fully recyclable packaging, including the caps, and supporting our consumers in their efforts to recycle our containers. That's why our member companies are voluntarily placing a uniform message on the caps of our plastic bottles to encourage consumers to "recycle bottle with cap on."

When we get our bottles back, we can turn them into new ones, which means less plastic in the environment. Help the cause by spreading the word to citizens to replace the cap and toss the empty bottles into a recycling bin. Learn more at [www.EveryBottleBack.org](#)

The Recycling Partnership Announces Additional Polypropylene Recycling Grant Funding

[The Recycling Partnership](#) (TRP) recently announced its fourth round of grant funding through its [Polypropylene Recycling Coalition](#) (the Coalition), issuing nearly \$1.6 million in catalytic grants to advance polypropylene (PP) recycling in the U.S. These funds will improve curbside PP recycling access for approximately 6.9% of U.S. households when combined with prior grants. Launched in July 2020, the Coalition is a cross-industry effort supported by steering committee members Keurig Dr Pepper, Braskem, NextGen Consortium, and the Walmart Foundation, along with other members of the polypropylene value chain.

Mark Your Calendars! Waste & Recycling Workers Week

Make plans today to celebrate Waste & Recycling Workers Week in your community!

Join SWANA Georgia and GRC the week of June 18-22, 2022 as we thank our solid waste and recycling workers.

Have pictures of your favorite solid waste worker in action?

Share your images with GRC at [garecycles@mindspring.com](#)

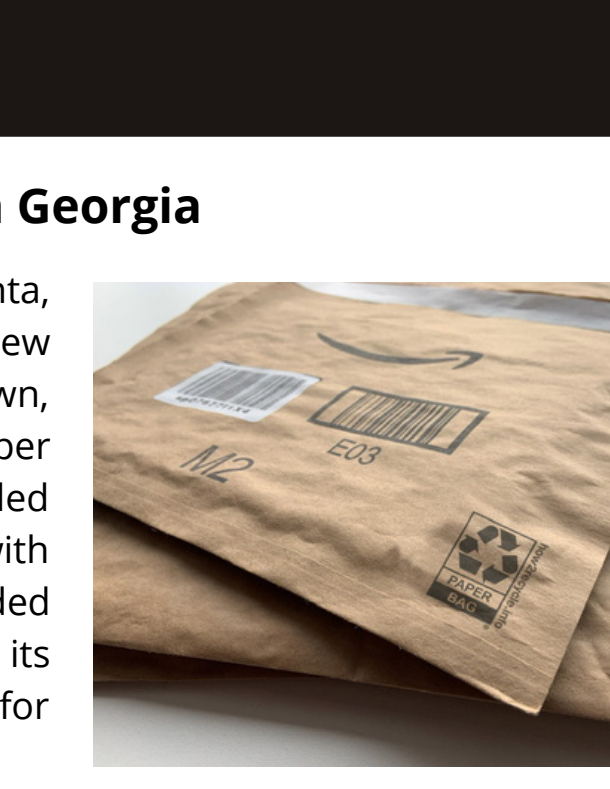
and you just might see them on GRC's social during the week.



New Nationwide Study on Aluminum Can Recycling

Ball Corporation and Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) released a new nationwide study entitled [Recycling Aluminum Cans Is Good Business](#)

showing the economic and environmental benefits of improving the aluminum can recycling rate in the United States to 90% – an increase from the current rate of 38%. Infinitely recyclable and economically valuable, aluminum is among the most sustainable beverage packaging materials, and when recycled, uses 92% less energy than virgin material and supports increased supply of domestic recycled metal. The new study indicates that a substantial improvement of the U.S. aluminum recycling rate would provide significant benefits. The state-specific fact sheets identify the current aluminum recycling rate and the economic, social, and climate benefits specific to each state.



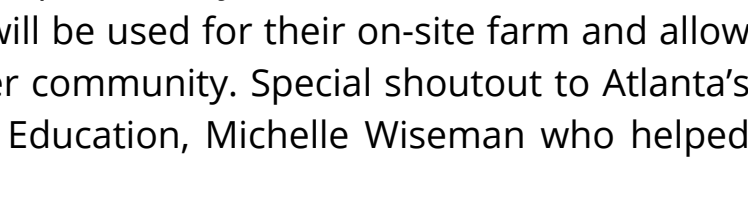
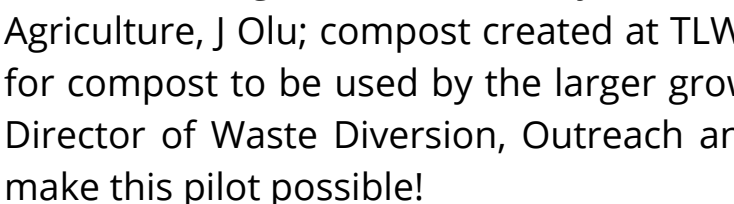
Georgia Spotlights

Georgia Pacific Expands Operations in Georgia

Packaging producer Georgia-Pacific, based in Atlanta, has announced the official opening of two new facilities in McDonough, Georgia, and Jonestown, Pennsylvania, that will produce recyclable paper padded mailers. The company says it has expanded its recyclable mailer production by 350 percent with the opening of the facilities as well as the added manufacturing capacity of a third production line at its Phoenix-area plant to address growing demand for sustainable e-commerce packaging options.



Atlanta Mayor Dickens Launches Zero Waste Westside



On April 6th, Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and Councilmember Jason Dozier helped launch [Zero Waste Westside](#) at Truly Living Well (TLW), a 90-day pilot project supported by a \$200,000 grant from Microsoft, aimed at reducing #foodwaste on the westside of Atlanta through food recovery and composting while working towards a zero-waste goal by 2030 and supporting equity and justice in their communities.

This collaboration includes the work of [@goodrco](#), [@trulylivingwell](#)'s community composting lab, and [Green is Lyf](#). Over the next 90 days Zero Waste Westside will show that #FoodMatters through the power of community, food rescue, composting, and enhancing Atlanta's food system, as expressed by Atlanta's Director of Urban Agriculture, J Olu; compost created at TLW will be used for their on-site farm and allow for compost to be used by the larger grower community. Special shoutout to Atlanta's Director of Waste Diversion, Outreach and Education, Michelle Wiseman who helped make this pilot possible!

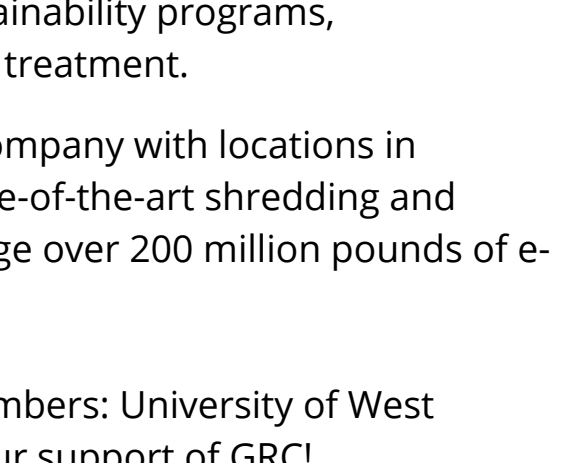
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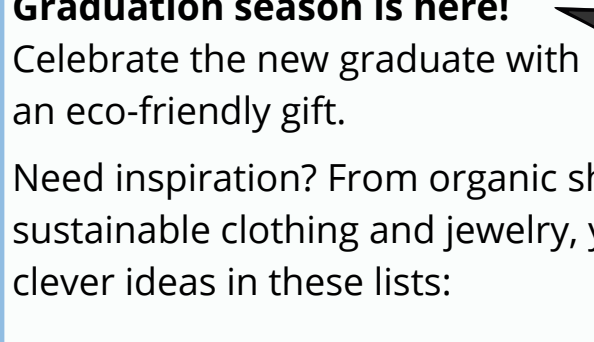
GRC Welcomes New Partner! [Waste Eliminator](#) was incorporated in 2004 after identifying the need for an efficient, customer-focused roll off container service in Metro Atlanta. By catering to the personalized needs of the customer, Waste Eliminator has been able to grow consistently through the ups and downs of the economy.

They take pride in being an environmentally conscious business, avoiding filling up landfills and utilizing their own material recovery systems in order to recycle and reuse every possible item that goes into their dumpsters.

[Gainesville Waste & Recycling](#) ("GWAR, LLC") was formed in 2007. Recognizing the impending importance of recycling in the north Georgia area, GWAR was created, along with guidance from the



Georgia EPD, to provide a convenient location to house a construction and demolition landfill, a recycling center, and a multi-faceted composting facility. GWAR incorporates 101 total acres into its facility with additional adjoining acreage as potential growth.



Welcome to our new Business Level Members: VLS Environmental and EvTerra. VLS Environmental Services' mission is to deliver innovative environmental solutions that support our client's sustainability goals. VLS

provides customized waste processing solutions for non-hazardous industrial and commercial waste, including landfill diversion and sustainability programs, solidification of liquid waste, recycling, and wastewater treatment.

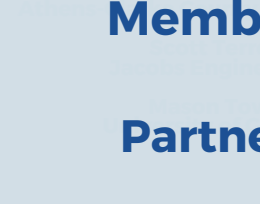
[EvTerra Recycling](#) is a national electronics recycling company with locations in Atlanta, GA; Las Vegas, NV, and Tampa, FL. Utilizing state-of-the-art shredding and sortation equipment, evTerra has the capacity to manage over 200 million pounds of e-scrap annually.

GRC welcomes our newest Government/Non-Profit Members: University of West Georgia and Matthew Jordan. Thanks to everyone for your support of GRC!

#RecycleRightGA

Graduation season is here!

Celebrate the new graduate with an eco-friendly gift.



Need inspiration? From organic sheets to sustainable clothing and jewelry, you will find clever ideas in these lists:

- Gifts for Recent Graduates from [SaveonEnergy.com](#)
- 7 Eco-Friendly Graduation Gifts for 2022 from [The Sustainable Living Guide](#)

No matter where your path leads you today Remember recycling varies by community

Let's sort this out, Georgia! Check locally to see what is recyclable.

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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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