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Glass Recycling Map Available

The Glass Recycling Foundation's interactive glass

recycling map helps communities, recyclers, and partners see where glass recycling is happening, from processing facilities to end markets, and how communities are closing the loop nationwide. While visiting the website, check out their other tools and resources. If you see something that is out of date, let them know by emailing info@glassrecycles.org

[Explore the Interactive Map](#)

Updated Plastics Recyclers Guide Now Available

Finding the right connection to move materials just got easier. **APR's Buyers & Sellers Directory** now features country and regional filters, allowing you to quickly identify APR members who buy and sell post-consumer recycled plastic by material type and product categories.

Legislative Update

- **Senate Resolution 610 (SR 610)** proposes forming a legislative study committee on recycling to improve and increase recycling in Georgia.
- **Solid Waste Trust Fund (H.B.956)** proposes authorizing the use of funds for the implementation of provisions solid waste management program.
- **Require Recycling of Solar Panels (H.B. 320)** proposes provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require recycling of solar panels; to prohibit discarding or disposing of solar panels by any manner other than by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling.
- **Georgia General Assembly (H.B. 1237) the Pollution Prevention and Producer Responsibility Act of 2026** proposes establishing a sweeping extended producer responsibility (EPR) framework in Georgia covering packaging, paper

March 25, 2026 Collection Safety Webinar



Join Waste Advantage's free webinar on collection safety. Hear strategies, actionable tools, and information to reduce improper behavior. Keeping workers safe and preventing accidents is a constant challenge in the waste and recycling collection industry. Smaller haulers and local government solid waste programs have a disproportionate percentage of fatalities and other incidents on the route. Join to learn how others have overcome safety challenges and get insights into proven solutions that will improve your safety record. **Register now!**

March 16th - 20th, 2026 USCC Compost Operations Training



The **US Composting Council (USCC) Compost Operations Training Course** is being held in Georgia this March at the University of Georgia's Griffin Campus. This 5-day training course, offered by the **Compost Research & Education Foundation**, gives attendees the knowledge needed to run a successful composting facility, offers comprehensive compost instruction, and provides hands-on field experience. Training course attendees will receive a professional certification needed for permitting compliance for composting facilities in Georgia.

products, and beverage containers.

[Register today!](#)

GRC will keep you updated as these bills progress; March 6th is Crossover Day.

Solarcycle Begins Full Operation in Georgia

SOLARCYCLE recently started recycling solar panels at its facility located in Cedartown, Georgia, signaling that solar recycling in the US is finally moving from pilot projects to industrial scale. The 255,000-square-foot plant is now processing thousand of end-of-life solar panels each week using the company’s proprietary next-gen recycling technology.

[Read full article](#)

PET at a Pivotal Moment

The Recycling Partnership (TRP) convened leaders from across the recycling value chain for the Recycling in America webinar, PET Packaging: Solving for an Out-of-Sync System. The discussion confirmed the following points:

- the U.S. PET system is under real strain, and the consequences are no longer theoretical.
- PET bottle recycling system is proven and effective—but it is now at a pivotal moment where it must scale, not stall.
- North American reclaimer capacity is shrinking because the system is increasingly relying on imported rPET.
- risks are real and escalating: if end markets can’t absorb material, public trust erodes and program and infrastructure costs increase.

Industry action matters. Sourcing North American recycled content is one of the fastest ways to stabilize demand and keep U.S. recycling economics viable. If you missed the discussion, links to the webinar recording and slide decks are provided below.

[Access the Webinar Presentation Slides](#)

[Access the Recording](#)

News: Quick Links to Recycling Articles

[Starbucks’ Polypropylene Cold Cups Now Classed as “Widely Recyclable” in the US](#) (Packaging-gateway.com)

[Plastic Resin Codes](#) (earthfriends.com)

[Consumer Viewpoint on the Confusion around Sorting Trash and Recycling](#) (Napa Valley Register)

Congrats to the GA Composting Council



GEORGIA COMPOSTING COUNCIL
ROOKIE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The Georgia Composting Council (GCC), a partnership of GRC, was awarded the Rookie State Chapter of the Year at the US Composting Council Annual Conference. GCC’s Board Chair, David Paull, was awarded the H. Clark Gregory Award, given to individuals who have displayed outstanding service to the composting industry through grassroots efforts.



2026 Olympics Sustainability Initiatives

Milano Cortina 2026 Olympics utilized a circular economy model, reusing over 24,000 furniture items from previous Games (including Paris 2024) for athlete villages and operational areas to minimize waste, reusing existing venues, employing recycled materials for medals, and using broadcasting equipment (73% from previous events.)

Calendar of Events

March 16-19, 2026	Carolina Recycling Association Conference	Myrtle Beach, SC
March 16-20, 2026	Compost Operations Training Course	Griffin, Georgia
March 23-25, 2026	SWANA GA Spring Conference	Unicoi State Park
March 30-April 1, 2026	Supersouth - GA Aquarium	Atlanta, GA
May 3-9, 2026	ICAW 2026	
May 7-8, 2026	GCC Spring Training	Griffin, Georgia

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