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Glass Recycling Grant Deadline is July 10th - Apply Today!

Don't miss this opportunity! The **Glass Recycling Foundation's (GRF)** grant program supports projects from infrastructure improvements to public education campaigns. GRF funding is designed to help communities and organizations increase the quality, access, and recovery of recycled glass.

[Apply today!](#)

Renew Your Membership Today!

Our annual renewal campaign is well underway! GRC has been making connections since 1991, so this year we celebrate 35 years of promoting and enhancing recycling and waste reduction in Georgia. From our meager beginnings to the great organization we've become, all should be proud of the accomplishments we've made over decades! Renewal reminders were sent to members on June 1st and July 1st. GRC offers a grace period to August 1, 2026 to allow for internal finance cycles to accommodate your dues payments. Thank you for your continued support of GRC and our mission/goals—lots of great events and new features in store for the coming July 2026-June 2027 member year!

Questions? [Email us.](#)

Welcome New Members

Individual

Primo Rodolfo
Primo Precious Metals

Associate Level Members

Crystal Johnson and Fawn
Lilienthal
Forsyth County Recycling
and SW

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and Star Scott
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Simon Pelfrey
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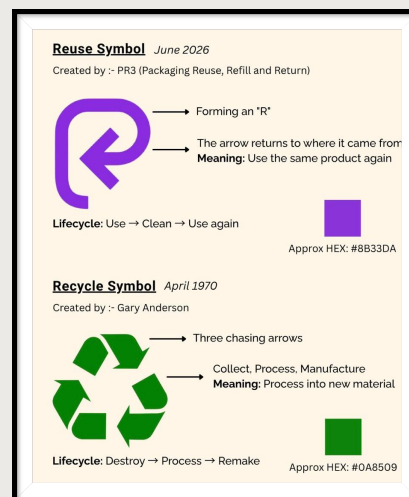
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TRP Launches Fund to Address Community Participation

Last month, **The Recycling Partnership** (The Partnership) announced a Recycling Participation Fund, backed by Arconic Foundation, Milliken & Company Charitable Foundation, Niagara Cares, Procter & Gamble, and Primo Brands to remove everyday barriers preventing people from participating in recycling and strengthen their confidence in local recycling programs. The fund will turn more than a decade of resident insight, field data, and real-world testing into stronger recycling outcomes. “People want recycling to work, and they want to know their actions matter,” said **Cody Marshall, Chief Recycling Officer** of The Recycling Partnership. “As the leading organization that has been on the ground gathering deep, scientific, system-level data on household recycling behavior, we are uniquely positioned to use this pivotal funding to accelerate the time it takes to achieve next-level recycling rates.” [Read more.](#)

Reuse Taking Center Stage!

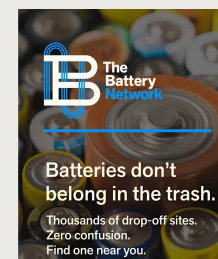


For decades, we’ve had one iconic symbol for recycling. Last month a new symbol for **reuse** was introduced. While many people use reuse and recycling interchangeably, they are not the same. Recycling means a collected product must be processed into a new material that can be used in manufacturing something new. Reuse means the product is cleaned, sterilized and used again for its original purpose and function multiple times.

Thanks to [PR3 | the Global Alliance to Advance Reuse](#) and [RESOLVE](#), **reuse** has a new icon (pictured above.) A unique icon and color are crucial to distinguish reuse as a circular pathway in comparison to recycling. As reuse scales in the United States and beyond, this symbol will provide a much-needed visual for consumers to put their reusables in the proper place.

Battery Recycling Guidelines Released

The Battery Network, formerly Call2Recycle, has issued new guidelines this year to address the evolving industry. Check out their comprehensive resources including a searchable tool for locating recycling options. [Read more](#) about the new battery guidelines.



TRP Releases Part 1: US State of Recycling

The U.S. recycling system is changing. The question is: are we changing with it? Last month, **The Recycling Partnership** released the first installment of

the [2026 State of Recycling Report](#). This phased report shares current and comprehensive data and analysis on the U.S. residential recycling system, grounded in data from 9,000+ recycling programs serving 97% of the U.S. population. It is designed to help producers, policymakers, community leaders, organizations, and recycling professionals build a shared understanding of where residential recycling stands today and what it will take to move the system forward. The report is being released in phased installments to make current insights publicly available as close to real time as possible and support alignment across the people and organizations working to improve recycling.

Part One: Setting the Stage | U.S. Residential Recycling System is now available. Observations inside this first release include:

- A look at the forces shaping recycling system performance today
- New insights from the Recycling Confidence Index and what they signal for participation and long-term outcomes
- Perspectives on how policy, infrastructure investment, and market conditions are influencing the path ahead

[Download the TRP Report](#)

News: Quick Link to Recycling Articles

Have you Seen the World Cup Michelob Ultra Stadium Cups? They Come from Rome, Georgia | 11Alive.com

Calendar of Events

AUG
19-21

Tennessee Recycling Coalition Conference
Gatlinburg, TN

AUG
19-21

GA Environmental Conference
Jekyll Island, GA

SEPT
9-11

SWANA-GA Chapter FALL Conference
Jekyll Island, GA

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