



June 2026

GRC's First Recycling RoadShow

In May, the Georgia Recycling Coalition hosted its first Recycling RoadShow in Newnan, highlighting sustainability and recycling initiatives making an impact across the community. The day began with a tour of **Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation of America**, where attendees got an inside look at their manufacturing operations and learned more about Yamaha's commitment to sustainability — from energy conservation efforts to closed-loop manufacturing processes as well as employee and community recycling initiatives. Following lunch sponsored by **Amwaste** and networking, the group visited **Newnan Utilities'** compost facility to see firsthand how biosolids are transformed at their composting operation into a beneficial resource for the community.

A huge thank you to **Yamaha, Newnan Utilities, Amwaste, Keep Newnan Beautiful**, and everyone who joined us for helping make the first Recycling RoadShow a success. We're excited to continue showcasing the incredible sustainability work happening across Georgia.

If you're interested in showcasing your Georgia community's environmental initiatives, reach out to us at info@georgiarecycles.org.



Renew Your Membership Today!

Our annual renewal campaign is 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! On May 1st, members received renewal reminders and associated invoices to make renewal more efficient for members. **Deadline is July 1st**; there is a grace period to August 1, 2026 to allow for internal finance cycles to accommodate your dues payments. Those who joined mid-year received an email and a direct invoice from our payment system with your dues prorated based on when you joined during the previous member year. Thank you for your continued support of GRC and our mission and goals—we have lots of great events and new features in store for the coming July 2026-June 2027 Member Year!

Questions? [Email](#) us.

Welcome New Members

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Wendy Caudle
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Made to be Remade Georgia Grant Program Announced

Made to be Remade Georgia is a sustainability initiative by the **Georgia Beverage Association** and major beverage companies (Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Keurig Dr Pepper) to ensure bottles and cans are recycled into new products rather than landfills. It focuses on improving local recycling infrastructure, education, and access to achieve a circular economy. The program supports nonprofit and community-based organizations that are advancing recycling and environmental sustainability programs that strengthen Georgia communities.

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Eligible organizations may apply for grants typically up to \$25,000, with select projects considered for higher amounts based on scope and impact. Applications are reviewed by the Made to be Remade Board and all submissions must be completed through the online application portal.

Key details:

- Application deadline: June 27, 2026.
- Who can apply: Georgia-based 501(c)(3) organizations (and qualifying governmental entities using funds for charitable purposes).
- Focus areas: Recycling and environmental sustainability.
- Funding range: Most grants are \$25,000 or less.
- Apply [here](#).

In the News: Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste

Listen to the interview featuring Suki Janssen, Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Director, as she discusses why battery recycling education is so important.



Resources for Plastic Film Recycling

Looking for information on recycling flexible film packaging or a map with locations for recycling drop-off sites for flexible plastic film? Check out the [Plastic Film Recycling](#) website.



Arubis Invests in Georgia Plant

German company Aurubis AG has invested \$850 million to construct the first multimetal recycling plant in the U.S., Aurubis Richmond, in Augusta, Georgia, allowing the company to tap into the attractive and growing U.S. recycling market. Aurubis expects U.S. generation of complex copper-bearing scrap to increase from 440,000 tons per year in 2025 to 555,000 tons per year by 2035, with recycled-content production being critical to addressing the considerable refined copper supply gap in the U.S. [Read the full article](#) from Recycling Today.



Paper Cup Recycling Reaches Milestone

In a landmark achievement for sustainability, the Foodservice Packaging Institute has propelled U.S. recycling access for paper cups to a new high: 20% of the nation's population now lives in communities where both single-sided (hot drink) and double-sided (cold drink) paper cups are accepted for recycling. The 20% figure was compiled by Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) through reviews of community recycling program guidance and industry announcements. A 2015-16 study

commissioned by the Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC) and the Foodservice Packaging Institute (FPI), and conducted by RRS, estimated that only 5% of the U.S. population had access to residential recycling programs that accepted paper cups. This progress reflects growing recognition that used paper cups are a valuable material stream that can be recovered and transformed into new paper products like paperboard, paper towels, toilet paper and paper cups. [Read full story](#) from Foodservice Packaging Institute.

Federal Legislative Update (excerpt from American Beverage Association)

Before the Memorial Day recess, the House Energy & Commerce Committee passed the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act (RIAA) and the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (RCAA) by the full committee in a bipartisan and unanimous vote. In advance of the hearing, ABA again joined a broad coalition of trade associations, industry leaders, and manufacturers in signing a [letter of support](#) for the legislation. The bill will now head to the House floor for final passage.

News: Quick Links to Recycling Articles

[Markets Update from Chaz Miller](#) | [Waste 360](#)

Calendar of Events



Battery & Universal Waste Recycling Conference
Nashville, TN



Waste and Recycling Workers Week



Recycle Florida Today Conf.
Daytona Beach, FL

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