



June 2026

International Compost Awareness Week Wrap-Up

During ICAW, the **UGarden Club** partnered with **Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Solid Waste Department** to brighten up one of their favorite food scrap drop-off sites! Citizens were invited to bring their food scraps, check out the new mural, and grab some veggies from the UGarden Farm Stand!

ACC also released the results of a test pilot. In order to learn if their compost REALLY helped plants grow, they put it to the test. The team planted a native pollinator garden with one side containing compost and the other side without compost. Other than the addition of compost to one side, both sides were treated the same! Same seeds, same watering, same weeding, same sun, everything!

In the end, the side with compost grew quicker, taller, and fuller. The garden with compost applied grew a foot taller than the side without compost! Compost adds organic material to the soil and helps it hold on to more water. That means plants are better able to take up the nutrients they need to grow and get a good drink!



As part of its *Recycling Roadshow* series, the **Georgia Recycling Coalition** included a tour of Newnan Utilities' compost facility (pictured below) in Newnan, Georgia. Attendees saw firsthand how biosolids at their operation are transformed into a beneficial resource for the community.



Upcoming CREF Webinar: Grow, Eat, Compost, Repeat



Compost plays a critical role in building resilient local circular economies—and farms are at the center of that story. During the Compost Research & Education Foundation's webinar on **June 11**, leaders from compost manufacturing and agriculture will share real-world examples of how compost is being produced, utilized, and distributed through innovative farm-based partnerships in Washington State. Presenters will discuss practical approaches to on-farm composting, compost utilization, and collaboration between farms and compost manufacturers to keep organic materials in productive local use.

This webinar is ideal for farms, compost manufacturers, municipalities, conservation districts, agencies, and advocates interested in advancing practical, community-based circular organics solutions.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Renew Your GCC Membership!

GCC is well into its third year of operation as a state chapter. Get your renewal done to extend your membership another year. We're making great momentum and welcome your input as we continue providing resources, programs, events and projects for our members. Questions? [Email](#) us.

Welcome New GCC Member

Georgia EPD
Lena Sassone

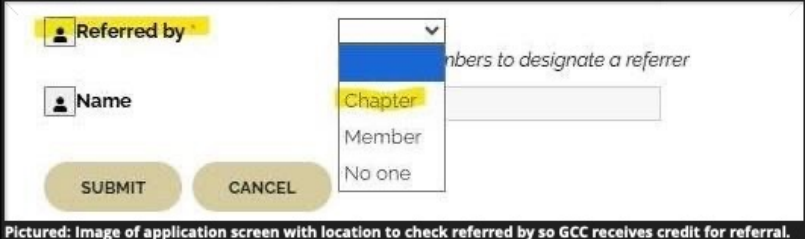
Committee Positions Open

Georgia Composting Council seeks members for committees; here's your chance to dig in and be involved in shaping the programs, projects, outreach and advocacy work being done to fulfill our mission in Georgia. [Check out the opportunities](#) and [email](#) us if you are interested in joining a committee.

Chapter Credits for USCC Membership Referrals

One of the perks for state USCC chapters is that we receive annual rebates for new members who join both the national organization and the state chapter. USCC pays 20% (double) the rebate for new members who join USCC because they heard about USCC from a GCC member!

So, if you refer colleagues to join USCC ask them to check **REFERRED BY CHAPTER** (see image below) in their application! This results in larger rebates to GCC to assist us with local programming & projects!

A screenshot of a web application form. At the top, there is a label 'Referred by' next to a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'Chapter' (highlighted in yellow), 'Member', and 'No one'. To the right of the dropdown, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Members to designate a referrer'. Below the dropdown and input field, there are two buttons: 'SUBMIT' and 'CANCEL'. The entire form is enclosed in a black border.

Pictured: Image of application screen with location to check referred by so GCC receives credit for referral.

Enabling Composting at Scale Resource Released

Recently, the **U.S. Plastics Pact** released **Enabling Composting at Scale**, a new resource outlining how policy can help expand composting access, strengthen infrastructure, and support systems that keep food waste and packaging out of landfills.

Did you know that only 35.9% of the U.S. population currently has access to drop-off or curbside food waste collection? Allowing food and its packaging to be collected together can help reduce contamination in recycling streams while improving the efficiency and quality of composting operations. But scaling these systems requires coordinated policy, infrastructure investment, and community participation.

The report explores:

- Policy approaches, including state and federal grants and loans, extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs, and procurement requirements for compost and compostable products;
- Landfill bans, diversion requirements, and local ordinances that can expand capacity, reduce hauling distances, and strengthen community participation; and
- The role of foodservice ordinances and labeling laws in supporting composting systems.

[Read](#) the full report.

USCC COMPOST2027

USCC is now accepting speaker proposals for educational conference sessions and pre-conference workshops. From research and policy to operations, outreach, markets, and innovative applications, we're looking for insights that help move the industry forward. **Submission deadline: July 10, 2026.** [Submit](#) your proposal.

Calendar of Events

JUN

9-10

Organics Recycling Conference
Nashville, TN

JUN

9-11

GGIA Southeast Green Conference
Athens, Georgia

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