

Georgia Recycling Coalition

Green Sheet Update



Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

Please send us releases, captioned photos and other great news that you want to share with the membership; email us at garecycles@mindspring.com

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ICAW Reveals 2017 Poster



The Composting Council Research & Education Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of the International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) Poster Contest. Out of over 200 entrees from all over the world and all ages, Ursula Gutowski's design was chosen. Ursula is a designer from Niles, IL.

Using this year's theme of **Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food**, Ursula's design will be turned into a poster and sent across the country to help promote ICAW held May 7 - 13 this year. For more information on ICAW and how to participate, go to compostfoundation.org.

GRC 2017 Board & Officers Set the Stage for 2017

Welcome to our new board members: Bruce Battle, Sherri Collins and Sil Colalancia, plus Karen Byrd, Peggy Ratcliffe & Jeff Foote returning for another term.

Sincere thanks to 3 board members stepping down: Stephanie Busch, Michelle Wiseman and Todd Redmon (all are on committees for 2017!)

Congrats to our elected officers for 2017:
Marla Prince; Waste Management, President
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The Carton Council is holding a webinar specifically for local recycling coordinators and directors; state and county leaders; and others in the recycling industry. This webinar will provide an update on the Carton Council's 60 percent household access milestone.

The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, January 26, from 1:30-2:30 pm Eastern Time.**

Please go to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8506550209092656899>
to register

Join this webinar to learn about this exciting milestone in carton recycling, their upcoming national education campaign, and how your community can get involved. If your community is not on board yet with carton recycling, you may still participate to learn more and consider joining the ranks of those with access.

City of Calhoun Holds First Recycling Recognition Event



The City of Calhoun hosted its first-annual Recycling Banquet on Dec. 15, 2016. "We were honored to have over 80 attendants at the Velo Vineyard," said Judy Peterson, recycling coordinator for the City. "This special evening gave us an opportunity to publicly say 'Thank You' to so many businesses, organizations

and individuals who have worked diligently to build a stronger recycling program in Calhoun." Shawn Chastain, operations manager of the City of Calhoun Recycling Center, presented plaques to: Shawn Javad of Wasteco, Johnathan Purser of Chick-Fil-A and Kenny Fuquea of Santek. Other recognitions included Rene Mauldin of Mauldin's Trash, Denise Radstad of Gordon Hospital and Mohawk Industries.

A special thank you was offered to all of the Downtown Calhoun businesses who currently participate in the Cardboard Recycling Initiative and to members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church who help with OCC collection on a weekly basis. "We have the BEST PARTNERS in RECYCLING and that is why our program is continuing to GROW," said Peterson. "Please join us in the coming year to help make CALHOUN - A GREEN CITY!" Industry partners of the recycling program include: Pratt Industries, Caraustar, Marglen, MCT, Strategic Materials, RUTCO and Liberty Tire Recycling.

What is the Challenge?



The Rathmann Challenge hopes to promote the widespread use of compost, thereby facilitating the adoption of an important tool for recapturing carbon from the atmosphere, thereby

reducing greenhouse gas emissions and stabilizing the carbon cycle - all of which would aid in the massive effort needed to cool the earth's temperature.

The Challenge seeks ideas on how to significantly expand the use of compost in the United States. Examples include, but are not limited to: compost operator training, infrastructure development, market development, organic waste material management practices, practice adoption, professionalization of compost science, public education and marketing, scientific research and soil management practices.

Applications are now available for the [2017 Rathmann Challenge - Mitigating Climate Change by Expanding the Use of Compost](#). Challenge submissions open on [February 15, 2017](#).

Who Is the Rathmann Family Foundation?

For years, the Rathmann Family Foundation has been funding studies related to agricultural land management and the impact of compost on those lands. Many land managers use compost to improve soil productivity, increase water retention, and reduce sensitivity to drought while effectively reducing greenhouse gas emissions from materials otherwise left to decay in the waste stream. Research also has shown that an application of compost to agricultural lands increases carbon sequestration in soil where that carbon might otherwise be lost to the air or water.

Recent Top Stories!

Who's Responsible for Making Plastic Packaging More Recyclable? Brands and recyclers are working on solutions from both ends, with MRFs often caught in the middle:

<http://www.wastedive.com/news/whos-responsible-for-making-plastic-packaging-more-recyclable/433851/>



Here's Why 2017 will be the Year of the Circular Economy:

<https://www.greenbiz.com/article/heres-why-2017-will-be-year-circular-economy-revolution>

Study Examines Availability of Recycling

<http://www.wastetodaymagazine.com/article/recycling-availability-study-spc/>

Pathways to Progress

GRC 2017 Semi-Annual Training Meeting

March 1st & 2nd

Hall County/Gainesville, GA



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Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
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