

# 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](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com)

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## The National Sword to Impact Markets



The **Green Fence** launched by the Chinese government in 2013, was an initiative designed to ensure that bales of imported recyclables, including paper and

plastics, contained those recyclables and no garbage or other materials. This summer, the Chinese government has addressed the issues more seriously with a new policy called **National Sword**.

With short notice to US recyclers of the new restrictions, along with lack of clarity and an unreasonable standard of no more than 0.3 percent of contaminants, the industry is struggling to meet the new requirements. The Chinese government believes they are being sent too much contamination and they plan to stop that. This is reason to be concerned as China imports close to 30% of the paper collected for recycling in the US, along with a significant volume of plastics.

What can the recycling industry do now to resolve some of these issues? Collectors and local governments must increase curbside education and enforcement for cleaner materials going to MRFs. Processors will need to be more diligent in sorting and prepping materials for marketing. And the industry will once again need to consider more aggressive domestic market development. Depending on export rather than growing our own infrastructure must be curtailed to a large extent over the long term.

GRC will continue to monitor this as it develops and add industry media links on the subject to our website and post them on the membership list serve.

## Bring Your Creative Talents to Designing the 2018 International Compost Awareness Week Poster



Open to anyone worldwide age 10 and up  
**Contest deadline is November 6th**

Jeff Lipscomb  
Pratt Industries

Marla Prince, President  
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Kathy Reed  
Keep North Fulton Beautiful

Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe  
Live Thrive

Enter the contest yourself or share with others that the contest deadline is approaching soon. Let your local schools know or anyone else that you think might want to design a poster based on the theme:

## Compost! Building a Better Future

Details Here:

<http://compostfoundation.org/ICAW-Poster-Contest>

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America Recycles Day

A KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE

**Plan to host an America Recycles Day event.** Events can be scheduled during the weeks leading up to or on November 15. [Keep America Beautiful](#) (KAB) has a wide variety of [tools and resources](#) to make event organizing easy and impactful. Events range from hosting a collection event, or an educational exhibit at a local retail location to including a flyer in the local newspaper on what can be recycled. Once your event is planned, make sure you [register it](#) so it's officially part of the national network of America Recycles Day events!

**Take the #BeRecycled Pledge.** Invite your community to take the pledge, which is a promise to actively choose living a recycled lifestyle by committing to "Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Buy Recycled." in all aspects of daily life.

### GRC Read for Recycling



**Read for Recycling**  
Start good habits...

Reduce  
Reuse  
Recycle  
& Read

Reading and Recycling are important habits to form. The Georgia Recycling Coalition is excited to encourage both reading and recycling through the **Read for Recycling** program. This program is part of the state America Recycles Day (ARD) celebration; prizes are awarded in a drawing for students participants and a set of books for the school with the most participants. Information, a reading list and journals to enter the contest are here:

<https://georgiarecycles.org/programs/america-recycles-day/>

### Coming Up...

Oct. 15, 2017	Ray Day	Serebe Chattahoochee Hills
Nov. 8-9, 2017	SERDC Recycling Forum	Asheville, NC
Nov. 15, 2017	America Recycles Day	Nationwide
Nov. 28, 2017	Georgia Gives	

	Day	
Dec. 6-7, 2017	GA SWANA FALL Conf	Jekyll Island Club



**Want to Volunteer at this event in January?  
Check out these links to find out how:**

Each interested volunteer will need to review: [Link for the Volunteer Specs sheet.](#)  
And then fill out the [Volunteer Collection Form.](#)

**AND....REGISTRATION IS OPEN:**

[www.compostconference.com](http://www.compostconference.com)

City-Town-County discount code is GOVT35. It's a 35% discount off of the full conference registration. The GRC member discount code is GRC2018. This is a 25% discount code off of full conference registration. They cannot be used in conjunction.

The discount code is entered at the checkout.

### Conference Wrap Up

Despite "Irmageddon", we pulled off the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference with very few issues. Thanks to all our sponsors, speakers, exhibitors, attendees, and the staff at the King & Prince, we proved we are a resilient industry! Just a few highlights:



The calm after the storm.



Plenary sessions began Monday morning.



Thanks to our generous sponsors.



...And to our speakers!



Recognizing Partner Level Members



Spirit of Green Awards - this one to GA World Congress Center



Tour of the Golden Isles Conservation Center.



Great group of Exhibitors this year!

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

**Sincerely,**

Gloria Hardegree  
Georgia Recycling Coalition