

Georgia Recycling Coalition

Green Sheet Update



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

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NRC/GRC Recycling Markets Workshop - July 31st



Join NRC and the Georgia Recycling Coalition for the second in our series of Markets Development Workshops and learn how we can create jobs, improve the quality and quantity of recyclables and increase efficiency in our systems.

JULY 31, 2018
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Reception & Networking at 4
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
201 Aberdeen Parkway, Peachtree City, Georgia

[Register now!](#)

\$85 GRC and NRC members, \$115 non-members
For more information visit the [NRC website](#).

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



During the first week of May GRC's Membership Management System automatically sent renewal notices to all members to renew for the **GRC July 2018-June 2019 Member Year**. It includes an invoice for your convenience. **The deadline for renewal was June 30, 2018**; as always we understand that some of you may have to wait until after July 1 for new budget cycles to begin, so we will have a grace period to a month later.

Final Deadline to renew for 2018-2019 Member Year is August 1, 2018.

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Conference Registration is Open - Early Deadline August 16th



Georgia Recycling Coalition
27th Annual Conference

September 16-19, 2018
King & Prince - St. Simons Island, GA

This September, we will be **Sorting It All Out**. What lies ahead will be challenging but offers opportunity for innovation, change, and improvement. Together, we continue on a path to grow and sustain recycling as an environmental solution and economic driver in Georgia. So plan

now...mark your calendar. Become a sponsor or exhibitor, volunteer to work on the Program Committee, procure a unique and cool piece for the auction, hone your skeet shooting skills and get ready to work collaboratively to sort out and resolve the issues impacting recycling in our state. **Register online here:** <http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

EPA Food Opportunity Map Debuts

EPA has released a new resource to reduce food loss and waste: [EPA Excess Food Opportunities Map](#)!



This national, interactive map can help you save money, feed people, and keep food out of landfills. The map identifies more than 500,000 potential generators of excess food (e.g. correctional facilities, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, hospitality industry, food manufacturers and processors, and food wholesalers and distributors) and estimated generation quantities, as well as over 4,000 potential recipients of excess food (e.g. anaerobic digestion and composting facilities, food banks). The map can help users identify potential sources of food for rescue; potential feedstocks for compost and anaerobic digestion; potential infrastructure gaps for managing excess food; and, alternatives to sending food to landfill. This resource is intended to give users the tools to understand the potential magnitude of excess food in their communities, and help make connections between generators and recipients such that more food is diverted from landfills and put toward beneficial uses.

Visit the EPA [website](#) to learn more about the map, and to access a user guide and the technical methodology.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Releases "Beyond 34"

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has released a report, [Beyond 34: Recycling and Recovery for a New Economy](#), aimed at increasing the average 34% recycling rate in the United States. The goal is to help cities and businesses create more sustainable futures. The report provides a scalable model to improve recycling rates based on a public-private pilot conducted in the Orlando, FL region,



BEYOND 34 CASE STUDY REPORT

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RECYCLING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

which began in September 2017. Consulting firm RRS developed a recycling gap analysis for the region to keep materials with value out of landfills, determining about \$62 million of valuable materials could be recovered there each year. The communities could save an additional \$22 million each year on their current expenses for landfilling and incinerating recoverable materials. The report offers numerous recommendations as well as [recycling program best practices on six topics](#): collection, processing, end markets, education, policy and partnerships.

Organizations Join to Develop 'Plastics Recyclability' Definition



Two global organizations have partnered to eliminate confusion surrounding what products can and cannot be recycled. Since public awareness of plastic pollution is at an all-time high, it's no surprise that a definition of 'plastics recyclability' has been in the works. Plastics Recycling Europe and the Association of Plastic Recyclers have pointed out the confusion that can arise when a product's packaging claims it can be recycled but the local council, for instance, cannot accept it.

For example, the problem can often occur in relation to single-use coffee cups, made from a combination of plastic and paper. The two materials individually are technically recyclable, but when combined, they can prove complex to process for many ordinary plastic or paper recyclers.

A global definition of 'plastics recyclability' has been developed to eliminate confusion about what products can and cannot be recycled. With public awareness of plastic pollution in the environment at an all-time high, governments across the world are increasingly making pledges to cut back on consumption of single-use plastic items like shopping bags, straws, cutlery and cotton buds. But there remains a lot of confusion about how and where to recycle many different plastic items, and consumers can be put off by the complexity of collection and recycling systems. [Read the full report here.](#)

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

American Textile Recycling Service (ATRS) with local offices at 5855 Oakbrook Pkwy, Suite S, Norcross, GA., is the fastest growing textile recycling company in the



USA as ATRS provides clean and well-maintained donation centers and Donation bins at convenient destinations throughout Georgia and the USA for your local communities to donate their unwanted, gently used clothing, shoes, toys, and household textiles and providing them yet another reason to visit your locations.

We at ATRS hold ourselves to very high property management standards and provide unique specifically tailored leasing programs that sets us apart from all others.

We want to partner and reward businesses' who seek to implement sustainability programs and support the community with green initiatives. Please contact Jeff Passavant; Community Relations Coordinator, @ jeffp@atrsonline.com or (770) 375-6410 for more information.



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

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
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