

# 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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## Conference Registration is Open



### Georgia Recycling Coalition 27th Annual Conference

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

We all know our industry is facing serious issues (China, landfilling recovered materials, market pricing, contamination, pollution, cost, etc.)-the headlines continue to relate messages that not only concern us as professionals, but are calling into question the legitimacy of recycling by our citizens. 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/>

## Connie Burns Scholarship - 2018



### College & University Scholarship

**Deadline to Submit is June  
30, 2018**

**PLEASE FORWARD TO  
COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
REGISTRAR OFFICES AT  
YOUR SCHOOL,  
OR TO ANY POTENTIAL  
CANDIDATES YOU MAY  
KNOW.**

**Burns Scholarship Program** dedicated to assisting and mentoring Georgia college and university students interested in a career path in recycling, composting, environmental practices, and sustainability. GRC is proud to offer this scholarship for the 7th year.

Scholarship(s) are awarded annually to one or more students, not to exceed \$1,000 per individual.

Registration and lodging are provided to the recipient(s) to attend the 2018 annual conference.

Application is here:

<http://www.georgiarecycles.org/about-grc/grc-events/grc-annual-conference/>

## Submit Your Spirit of Green Awards Nominations

*Recognizing Excellence in Recycling & Waste Reduction in Georgia*



**Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2018**

### Award Categories

- Volunteer of the Year ●
- New Member of the Year ●
- Outstanding Institutional Program ●
- Outstanding Government/Community Program ●
- Outstanding Corporate Leader ●
- Innovation Award ●
- Environmental Stewardship ●

Application is here:

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## Corrugated Packaging & Recycling Industry Groups Strive to Increase Residential OCC Recovery

The [Corrugated Packaging Alliance \(CPA\)](#) and the [Fibre Box Association \(FBA\)](#), both based in Itasca, Illinois, have announced an effort to bring together corrugated packaging and recycling industry groups to increase residential recovery of old corrugated containers (OCC). The groups recently met to review recommendations for increasing residential recovery of OCC based on research conducted by [RRS \(Resource Recycling Systems\)](#), Ann Arbor, Michigan, for FBA. The research asked more than 1,000 Americans about their residential OCC recycling practices.



The associations say [corrugated packaging](#) is the most widely recycled packaging material with a recovery rate nearly 90 percent for the past seven years. To retain this leadership role, the groups say the corrugated industry is exploring how shifts in consumer purchasing patterns could impact recovery. The groups recognized the need for a renewed focus on promoting the recyclability of OCC and agreed to proactively pursue a broad set of initiatives to help increase recovery.

"For years OCC has been a recycling success story. The group believes a renewed focus on its recyclability will

spur additional recovery efforts."

The groups included include: AICC - The Independent Packaging Association, American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), AMERIPEN, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), Waste Management and member companies Cascades, Dusobox, Georgia-Pacific, International Paper, Kruger, PCA, Pratt Industries and WestRock.

See the full article and initiatives here:

<http://www.wastetodaymagazine.com/article/corrugated-packaging-recycling-groups-increase-occ-recovery/>

## Yes! In My Backyard: A Home Composting Guide for Local Government

A new report from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) details how home composting is among the best opportunities to reduce food waste, especially in the near term and in areas



lacking curbside collection or facilities to compost. The 90-page report found that for every 10,000 households composting at home, between 1,400 and 5,000 tons per year could be diverted from curbside collection, with potential savings in avoided disposal costs alone ranging from \$72,000 to \$250,000.

<https://bit.ly/2x9zSN5>

## Foam Recycling Coalition (FRC) Opens Grants

The 2018 foam recycling grant cycle opened June 1. Applicants may submit their applications and supporting documentation through July 31. The FRC grant award committee will review and rank the applications, notifying grant awards in September.



Selection of grantees is based on several variables including number of households served, level of funding available and capacity to add new materials. Superior applications include well-defined end markets, project planning timelines, a multi-faceted outreach plan and thorough supporting documentation will be considered.

FRC members select and finance the grants. Member companies include Americas Styrenics; Cascades Canada ULC; CKF Inc.; Chick-fil-A; Commodore; Dart Container Corp.; Dyne-A-Pak; Genpak; Hawaii's Finest Products; INEOS Styrolution; NOVA Chemicals Corp.; Pactiv Foodservice/Food Packaging; Republic Plastics; and TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA.

Since 2014, the FRC has provided almost a dozen grants to public and private recycling entities in the U.S. and Canada that manage residential curbside or drop-off recycling programs. The grants, each valued up to \$50,000, assist in equipment upgrades that add or expand recycling of post-consumer foam polystyrene. Nearly 1 million additional residents in the U.S. and Canada can recycle foam as a result of the foam recycling grant program. More information can be found here: [RecycleFoam.org/Grants](http://RecycleFoam.org/Grants).

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

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree

