



Our mission is to complement and coordinate activities relative to recycling, to foster communications among professionals, organizations, government agencies and individuals, and to promote and enhance reduction and recycling programs throughout the state.

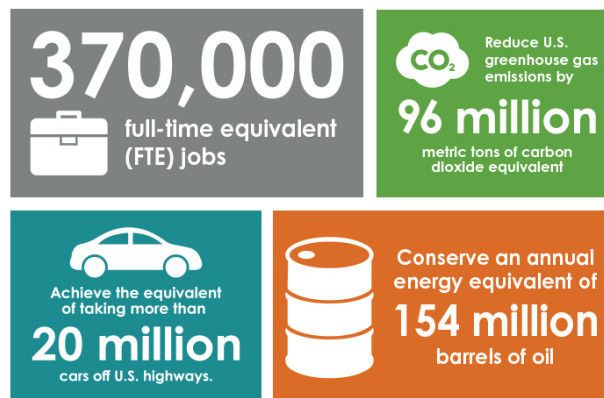
Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

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

The Recycling Partnership 2020 Report

Released in February, The Recycling Partnership's 2020 State of Curbside Recycling Report guides you through the current U.S. recycling trends and provides facts on strategies to improve the U.S. recycling system. Download for free and use some great graphic tools included.

[Read the full story from The Recycling Partnership](#)



ISRI Specifications Added for Single & Dual Stream Collection

The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) Board of Directors approved the addition of two new specifications to the ISRI Scrap Specifications Circular at its February meeting.

Inbound Residential Single Stream Specification:

Inbound Residential Single Stream is the material derived from a recycling

method whereby residents of a community place allowed materials in a specifically designated receptacle to be left at a drop off point outside their residence. The purpose of the specification is to give Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) and municipalities a common vernacular to negotiate the items that comprise the material stream derived from a single stream curbside collection program. The specifications describe not only the items that should be part of the system, but prohibitives and other materials that could be considered contaminants.

[Click here for more information from ISRI](#)

Inbound Residential Dual Stream Specification:

Inbound residential dual-stream is the material derived from a recycling method whereby residents of a community place allowed materials in specifically designated receptacles to be left at a drop-off point outside their residence that use separate bins or carts for paper and containers and are collected in separate compartments on one or more trucks. The purpose is the same as for single stream.

[Click here for more information from ISRI](#)

GA Recycle Right Campaign

Work is underway on development of a campaign for Georgia to **Increase Participation and Decrease Contamination**. Once completed, the multi-media campaign components will be accessible to cities, counties, not -profits and businesses for outreach and education for citizens. The campaign is funded by three grants awarded to GRC in 2019. With a robust infrastructure for end use demand in the state, we have the opportunity to make Georgia the best place for recycling in the nation. We can achieve this together.



Polypropylene Support

The Recycling Partnership (TRP) is gearing up to launch the **Polypropylene Recycling Coalition** to develop holistic solutions for diverting the growing array of packaging made with No. 5 plastic. Partners include TRP, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, Closed Loop Partners and the Sustainable Packaging Coalition.



As the initiative takes shape, The Recycling Partnership is asking brand owners, converters and resin producers to join the conversation on how PP packaging applications that are not currently recycled could be in the future.

50th EARTH DAY



On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet’s largest civic event.

The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.

Local Earth Day Events

(Tell us what YOU are doing: garecycles@mindspring.com)

Celebrate 50 years of Earth Day with Farmers Jam - Atlanta's band of local farmers who raise money to plant fruit trees on farms. We're joined by [Food Well Alliance](#) and the Atlanta Community Compost Council to raise awareness about the benefits of composting for the earth and for local farmers.

Earth Day Farmers Jam

Art event in Atlanta, GA by Farmers Jam Band and 3 others on Wednesday, April 22 2020 with 244 people interested.

[Read more](#)

www.facebook.com

[Click here or on the Earth Day Farmers Jam image to view last year's video](#)

CHaRM's Earth Day Party 5.10.50

Party event by Live Thrive Atlanta - Center for Hard to Recycle Materials and Venkman's on Wednesday, April 22 2020

[Read more](#)
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[Click here or on the CHaRM Earth Day image to view event](#)



International Compost Awareness Week

May 3 – 9, 2020

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. It is celebrated nationwide and in other countries each year during the first full week of May. Started in Canada in 1995, ICAW has continued to grow as more people, businesses, municipalities, schools and organizations are recognizing the importance of composting and the long-term benefits from organics recycling.

The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost. The program includes a poster contest in the fall and activities and events held during the week.

Throughout the week of ICAW, community and business events are held to encourage and celebrate composting. All types of composting – from backyard to large-scale are promoted. Events include tours of compost facilities, school gardening programs, compost workshops, lectures by a well-known gardening expert, compost give-away days, state and city proclamations, visiting with legislators, to name just a few.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome two new Partner Level members to GRC:



New business Level Member:

TwoRivers ITAD Solutions, Wes Forlines

New Government Level Member:

City of Valdosta, Richard Hardy & Anthony Musgrove

We look forward to working with you!



Scott DeFife, President of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), was named President of the Glass Recycling Foundation's (GRF) Executive Board. GRF's vision is to increase recycling through sustainability education and best practices to ensure the maximum benefit for communities and the environment. Jennifer Cumbee of Ardagh Group was also named the newest member of the GRF Board. DeFife succeeds Lynn Bragg as Board President, and joins Ron Holmes of Diageo and Laura Hennemann of Strategic Materials as officers of GRF's Executive Board.

Upcoming Webinars

March 12- 12:00 pm ET

[What's the Bag Deal? Dealing with Film, Wrap and Bags in your Recycling Stream](#)

Join The Recycling Partnership for a deep dive into film and flexible packaging. The webinar will highlight the problem contaminants, how to communicate about them to residents, and discuss the best messaging options around

“unbagging” your recyclables.

March 31, 1 - 2:15 p.m. eastern

Don't miss out! Best Management Practices for Community Composting Webinar

This webinar is the second of a series on community-scale composting. The first webinar focused on the people involved in establishing sustainable community composting sites; this webinar will focus on the nuts and bolts of community composting, from siting and feedstock collection to system management and composting through the winter. Siting considerations, choosing a system, determining site capacity, and system management will be addressed. This webinar series is made available with funding from a USDA Rural Utilities Service Solid Waste Management Grant.

[Registration](#) is required

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