

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

In times like these, community is crucial. We thank you for your continued support of GRC. We are proud to stand with you in the efforts to keep recycling essential in Georgia, as well as taking on the great challenges ahead of us together.

Recycling Integral to Critical Manufacturing Supply Chain



Strategic Materials is at Strategic Materials.
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Meet one of our #glasswarriors, Tyrone, from our College Park, GA facility. He is helping to keep glass packaged grocery products on the shelf during this time. #AllinThisTogether #glassrecycling #chooseglass



As we headed into the pandemic, recycling operations were deemed essential businesses as they supply critical raw materials to keep manufacturers in operation. Recycled metal, paper, plastics, and other commodity-grade materials feed critical U.S. manufacturing operations that are producing the rebar, wiring, tubing, transportation, packaging, and other key materials that are needed for everything from construction of new hospitals to the manufacture of new hospital beds, ventilators, toilet paper and other essential supplies needed to keep Americans safe and the economy running during this critical period.

A number of manufacturing industries that recyclers regularly supply have been officially designated as part of the U.S. “Critical Manufacturing Sector” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including: primary metals manufacturing (i.e., iron and steel mills and ferrous alloy manufacturing, alumina and aluminum production and processing, and nonferrous metal

production and processing); machinery manufacturing; electrical equipment, appliance and component manufacturing; and transportation equipment manufacturing.

Covid-19 Resources/Links to Webinars

GRC collected resources for the solid waste, recycling and composting industries and created a dedicated page on our web site. You can link to the resources from any page of the site—look for the green bar at the top.



<https://www.georgiarecycles.org/>

Check these links for recorded webinars:

Georgia SWANA Chapter: <https://www.gaswana.org/>

USCC-Composting: <https://www.compostingcouncil.org/page/Composting-In-The-Time-of-COVID-19>

SERDC: <https://www.serdc.org/Recycling-and-Supply-Chain-Webinar>

Essential Workers/GRC Members Give Back

During the month of April, GRC recognized the many solid waste and recycling workers via social media posts. Additionally, we featured our members showing bravery, resilience, innovation and care in response to the pandemic. From continuing collection to providing meals and donating food and supplies, to adjusting production to manufacture PPE, the outreach was and continues to be outstanding. Check our Facebook page to see some of the many stories we shared:



<https://www.facebook.com/georgia.recycles/> AND, if you have stories please send us text and photos to: garecycles@mindspring.com

ICAW 2020

International Compost Awareness Week, a program of the Composting Council Research & Education Foundation, is the largest and most comprehensive compost education initiative. It is celebrated nationwide and globally each year during the first full week of May. This year's May 3-9, 2020 event celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Over the years, 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 theme for ICAW 2020 is **Soil Loves Compost**. Learn more: <https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home> and get ideas on how to observe and celebrate virtually!



Earth Day 50



We celebrated virtually or in our own backyards for the most part to observe a milestone as Earth Day turned 50 on April 22, 2020. GRC compiled **50 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day** and developed a dedicated web site page for this resource, Check the home page--scroll down to the GRC Members Section and click the Earth Day 50 panel. <https://www.georgiarecycles.org/> As we always say, *Earth Day is Every Day*, so many of these ideas can be used all year! **Special thanks to our member Stephanie Busch for creating this resource!**

29th Annual Conference



We are tentatively planning for our annual conference, trade show and membership meeting on October 4-7, 2020 at King & Prince on St. Simons Island. As we move into additional phases of re-opening our businesses, governments and non-profit organizations, the uncertainty of safety for gatherings is at top of mind. So, we will continue to monitor to determine final plans and will keep you apprised as we move forward.

Membership Renewals-Mark Your Calendar



With the disruption in the business operations for some of our members, the GRC board made the decision to postpone our initial membership renewal notices to June 1, 2020. So, notices that you might be accustomed to receiving around May 1st, will be delayed to June 1st. Our upcoming member year runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, Deadlines and more information will be provided in subsequent correspondence. For now, we all have many tasks ahead as we attempt to get back to some level of normalcy and that should be our focus.

Our success is your success... a coalition, by definition, is *an alliance for combined action*. We are allies, partners and colleagues working together to keep recycling strong and working in Georgia. The success of our organization in fulfilling its mission is reliant upon people who commit time, energy and resources to its support. Thank you for your contribution to our collective success and **let us hear from you with comments, suggestions, etc. about how we may add value to your membership in GRC.**

Stay safe, stay well and stay strong. We are truly all in this together.

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